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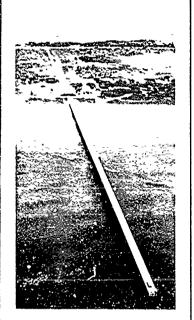


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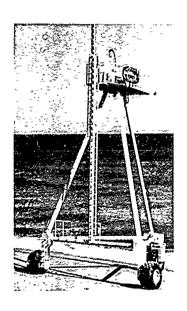
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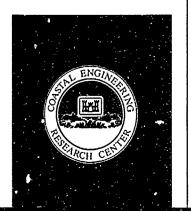
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This report provides basic data and summaries for the measurements made during 1989 at the US Army Engineer Waterways Experiment Station (WES) Coastal Engineering Research Center's (CERC's) Field Research Facility (FRF) in Duck, NC. The report includes comparisons of the present year's data with cumulative statistics from 1980 to the present.

Summarized in this report are nateorological and oceanographic data, monthly bathymetric survey results, samples of quarterly aerial photography, and descriptions of 17 storms that occurred during the year. The year was highlighted by a severe storm in March that destroyed or damaged over 100 ocean front structures. Waves with 4-m significant height were measured 6 km from shore.

This report is eleventh in a series of annual summaries of data collected at the FRF that began with Miscellaneous Report CERC-82-16, which summarizes data collected during 1977-1979. These reports are available from the WES Technical Report Distribution Section of the Information Technology Laboratory, Vicksburg, MS.

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PART I: INTRODUCTION

Background

- 1. The US Army Engineer Waterways Experiment Station (WES), Coastal Engineering Research Center's (CERC's) Field Research Facility (FRF), located on 0.7 km² at Duck, NC (Figure 1), consists of a 561-m-long research pier and accompanying office and field support buildings. The FRF is located near the middle of Currituck Spit along a 100-km unbroken stretch of shoreline extending south of Rudee Inlet, VA, to Oregon Inlet, NC. The FRF is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean to the east and Currituck Sound to the west. The Facility is designed to (a) provide a rigid platform from which waves, currents, water levels, and bottom elevations can be measured, especially during severe storms; (b) provide CERC with field experience and data to complement laboratory and analytical studies and numerical models; (c) provide a manned field facility for testing new instrumentation; and (d) serve as a permanent field base of operations for physical and biological studies of the site and adjacent region.
- 2. The research pier is a reinforced concrete structure supported on 0.9-m-diam steel piles spaced 12.2 m apart along the pier's length and 4.6 m apart across the width. The piles are embedded approximately 20 m below the ocean bottom. The pier deck is 6.1 m wide and extends from behind the duneline to about the 6-m water depth contour at a height of 7.8 m above the National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD). The pilings are protected against sand abrasion by concrete erosion collars and against corrosion by a cathodic system.
- 3. An FRF Measurements and Analysis Program has been established to collect basic oceanographic and meteorological data at the site, reduce and analyze these data, and publish the results.
- 4. This report, which summarizes data for 1989, continues a series of reports begun in 1977.

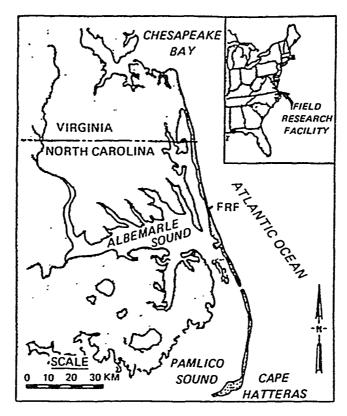


Figure 1. FRF location map

Organization of Report

- 5. This report is organized into nine parts and five appendixes.

 Part I is an introduction; Parts II through VIII discuss the various data collected during the year; and Part IX describes the storms that occurred.

 Appendix A presents the bathymetric surveys, Appendix B summarizes deepwater wave statistics, and Appendixes C through E (published under separate cover as Volume II) contain summary statistics for other gages.
- 6. In each part of this report, the respective instruments used for monitoring the meteorological or oceanographic conditions are briefly described along with data collection and analysis procedures and data results. The instruments were interfaced with the primary data acquisition system, a Digital Equipment Corporation (Maynard, MA) VAX-11/750 minicomputer located in the FRF laboratory building. More detailed explanations of the design and the operation of the instruments may be found in Miller (1980). Readers' comments on the format and usefulness of the data presented are encouraged.

Availability of Data

7. Table 1 summarizes the available data. In addition to the wave data summaries in the main text, more extensive summaries for each of the wave gages are provided in Appendixes B through E.

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Notes: * Full week of data obtained.

/ Less than 7 days of data obtained.

- No data obtained.

8. The annual data summary herein summarizes daily observations by month and year to provide basic data for analysis by users. Daily measurements and observations have already been reported in a series of monthly Preliminary Data Summaries (FRF 1989). If individual data for the present year are needed, the user can obtain detailed information (as well as the monthly and previous annual reports) from the following address:

USAE Waterways Experiment Station Coastal Engineering Research Center Field Research Facility 1261 Duck Road Kitty Hawk, NC 27949-9440

Although the data collected at the FRF are designed primarily to support ongoing CERC research, use of the data by others is encouraged. The WES/CERC Coastal Engineering Information and Analysis Center (CEIAC) is responsible for storing and disseminating most of the data collected at the FRF. All data requests should be in writing and addressed to:

Commander and Director
US Army Engineer Waterways Experiment Station
ATTN: Coastal Engineering Information Analysis Center
3909 Halls Ferry Road
Vicksburg, MS 39180-6199

Tidal data other than the summaries in this report can be obtained directly from the following address:

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration National Ocean Service ATTN: Tide Analysis Branch Rockville, MD 20852

A complete explanation of the exact data desired for specific dates and times will expedite filling any request; an explanation of how the data will be used will help CEIAC or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)/National Ocean Service (NOS) determine if other relevant data are available. For information regarding the availability of data for all years, contact CEIAC at (601) 634-2012. Costs for collecting, copying, and mailing will be borne by the requester.

PART II: METEOROLOGY

- 9. This section summarizes the meteorological measurements made during the current year and in combination with all previous years. Meteorological measurements during storms are given in Part IX.
- 10. Mean air temperature, atmospheric pressure, and wind speed and direction were computed for each data file, which consisted of data sampled two times per second for 34 min every 6 hr beginning at or about 0100, 0700, 1300, and 1900 eastern standard time (EST); these hours correspond to the time that the National Weather Service (NWS) creates daily synoptic weather maps. During storms, data recordings were made more frequently. The data are summarized in Table 2.

Table 2
Meteorological Statistics

		Mean	M	ean						Wind Re	sultant	s
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Jan	8.1	5.4	1019.3	1017.9	59	96	180	44	2.1	316	2.6	337
Feb	7.0	6.1	1019.5	1017.4	113	76	113	20	3.5	352	2.0	350
Mar	10.0	9.3	1017.5	1016.3	206	92	206	35	3.0	16	1.6	1
Apr	13.4	13.5	1014.5	1013.4	104	96	182	0	0.3	53	0.3	324
May	18,5	18.7	1013.2	1016.0	97	67	239	20	1.5	212	0.5	186
Jun	25.0	23.5	1014.1	1015.4	117	84	130	27	2.8	196	1.2	198
Jul	25.9	26.0	1015.1	1016.4	275	100	275	19	1.4	183	1.7	212
Aug	25,6	25.9	1013.3	1016.3	63	101	221	30	0.9	75	0.5	94
Sep	24.6	22.4	1015.9	1017.8	226	88	226	5	3.7	65	2.0	40
Oct	17.7	17.4	1016.7	1019.6	63	64	143	17	1,8	10	2.4	26
Nov	13.1	13.3	1014.8	1018.3	92	93	145	26	1.5	294	1.8	353
Dec	2.9	7.4	1015.7	1019.5	113	66	131	4	4.1	338	2.3	333
Average	16.0	15.7	1015.8	1017.1	127	85			0.9	356	0.9	357
Total					1528	1023						

Air Temperature

11. The FRF enjoys a typical marine climate that moderates the temperature extremes of both summer and winter.

Measurement instruments

12. A Yellow Springs Instrument Company, Inc. (YSI) (Yellow Springs, OH), electronic temperature probe with analog output interfaced to the FRF's computer was operated beside the NWS's meteorological instrument shelter located 43 m behind the dune (Figure 2). To ensure proper temperature

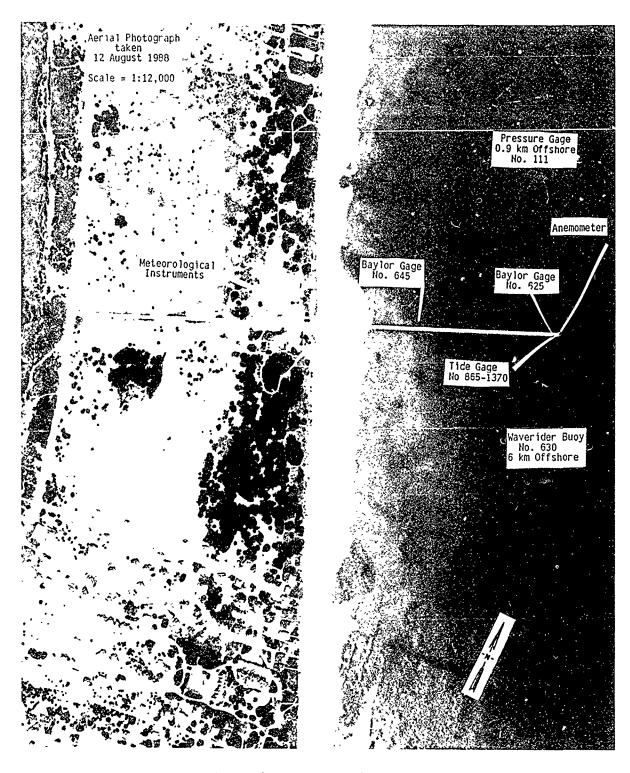


Figure 2. FRF gage locations

readings, the probe was installed 3 m aboveground inside a "coolie hat" to shade it from direct sun, yet provide proper ventilation.

Results

13. Daily and average air temperature values are tabulated in Table 2 and shown in Figure 3.

Atmospheric Pressure

Measurement instruments

- 14. Electronic atmospheric pressure sensor. Atmospheric pressure was measured with a YSI electronic sensor with analog output located in the laboratory building at 9 m above NGVD. Data were recorded on the FRF computer. Data from this gage were compared with those from an NWS aneroid barometer to ensure proper operation.
- 15. <u>Microbarograph</u>. A Weathertronics, Incorporated (Sacramento, CA), recording aneroid sensor (microbarograph) located in the laboratory building also was used to continuously record atmospheric pressure variation.
- 16. The microbarograph was compared daily with the NWS aneroid barometer, and adjustments were made as necessary. Maintenance of the microbarograph consisted of inking the pen, changing the chart paper, and winding the clock every 7 days. During the summer, a meteorologist from the NWS checked and verified the operation of the barometer.
- 17. The microbarograph was read and inspected daily using the following procedure:
 - a. The pen was zeroed (where applicable).
 - \underline{b} . The chart time was checked and corrected, if necessary.
 - c. Daily reading was marked on the chart for reference.
 - $\underline{\mathbf{d}}$. The starting and ending chart times were recorded, as necessary.
 - e. New charts were installed when needed.

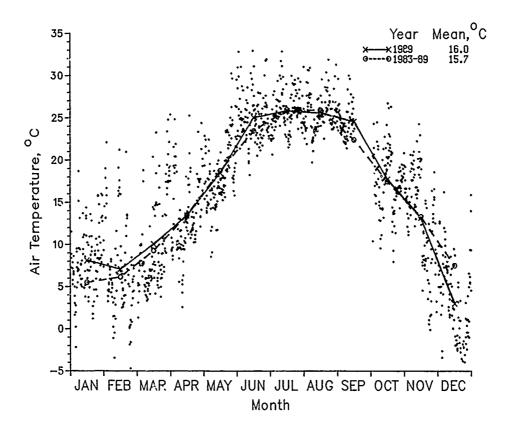


Figure 3. Daily air temperature values with monthly means

Results

18. Daily and average atmospheric pressure values are presented in Figure 4, and summary statistics are presented in Table 2.

Precipitation

19. Precipitation is generally well distributed throughout the year. Precipitation from midlatitude cyclones (northeasters) predominates in the winter, whereas local convection (thunderstorms) accounts for most of the summer rainfall.

Measurement instruments

20. <u>Electronic rain gage</u>. A Belfort Instrument Company (Baltimore, MD) 30-cm weighing rain gage, located near the instrument shelter 47 m behind the dune, measured daily precipitation. According to the manufacturer, the instrument's accuracy was 0.5 percent for precipitation amounts less than

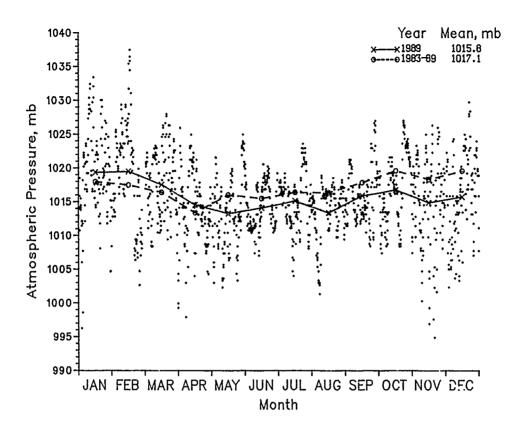


Figure 4. Daily barometric pressure values with monthly means

15 cm and 1.0 percent for amounts greater than 15 cm.

- 21. The rain gage was inspected daily, and the analog chart recorder was maintained by procedures similar to those for the microbarograph.
- 22. <u>Plastic rain gage.</u> An Edwards Manufacturing Company (Alberta Lea, MN) True Check 15-cm-capacity clear plastic rain gage with a 0.025-cm resolution was used to monitor the performance of the weighing rain gage. This gage, located near the weighing gage, was compared daily; and very few discrepancies were identified during the year.

Results

23. Daily and monthly average precipitation values are shown in Figure 5. Statistics of total precipitation for each month during this year and average totals for all years combined are presented in Table 2.

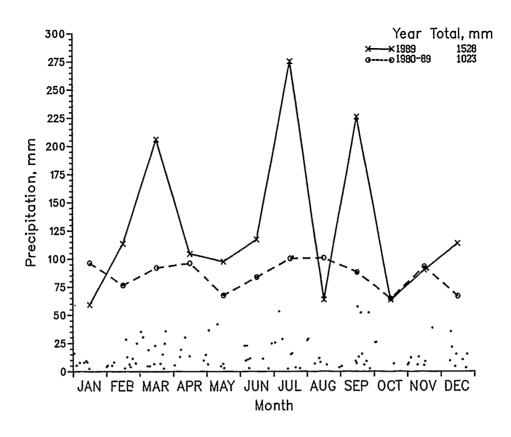


Figure 5. Daily precipitation values with monthly totals

Wind Speed and Direction

24. Winds at the FRF are dominated by tropical maritime air masses that create low to moderate, warm southern breezes; arctic and polar air masses that produce cold winds from northerly directions; and smaller scale cyclonic, low pressure systems, which originate either in the tropics (and move north along the coast) or on land (and move eastward offshore). The dominant wind direction changes with the season, being generally from northern directions in the fall and winter and from southern directions in the spring and summer. It is common for fall and winter storms (northeasters) to produce winds with average speeds in excess of 15 m/sec.

Measurement instrument

25. Winds were measured at the seaward end of the pier at an elevation of 19.1 m (Figure 2) using a Weather Measure Corporation (Sacramento, CA) Skyvane Model W102P anemometer. Wind speed and direction data were collected on the FRF computer. The anemometer manufacturer specifies an accuracy of ±0.45 m/sec below 13 m/sec and 3 percent at speeds above 13 m/sec, with a

threshold of 0.9 m/sec. Wind direction accuracy is ± 2 deg with a resolution of less than 1 deg. The anemometer is calibrated annually at the National Bureau of Standards in Gaithersburg, MD, and is within the manufacturer's specifications.

Results

26. Annual and monthly joint probability distributions of wind speed versus direction were computed. Winds speeds were resolved into 3-m/sec intervals, whereas the directions were at 22.5-deg intervals (i.e. 16-point compass direction specifications). These distributions are presented as wind "roses," such that the length of the petal represents the frequency of occurrence of wind blowing from the specified direction, and the width of the petal is indicative of the speed. Resultant directions and speeds were also determined by vector averaging the data (see Table 2). Wind statistics are presented in Figures 6, 7, and 8.

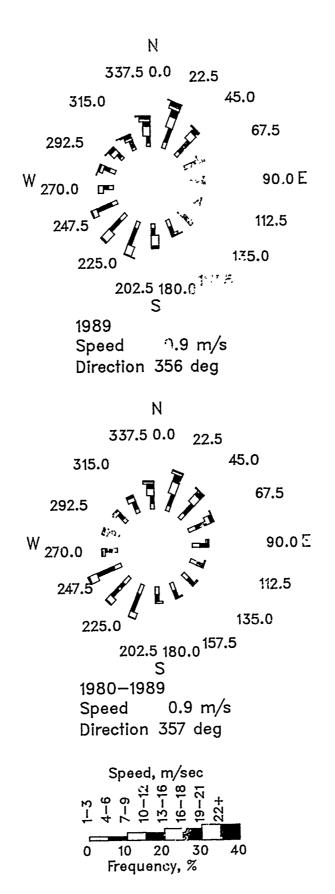
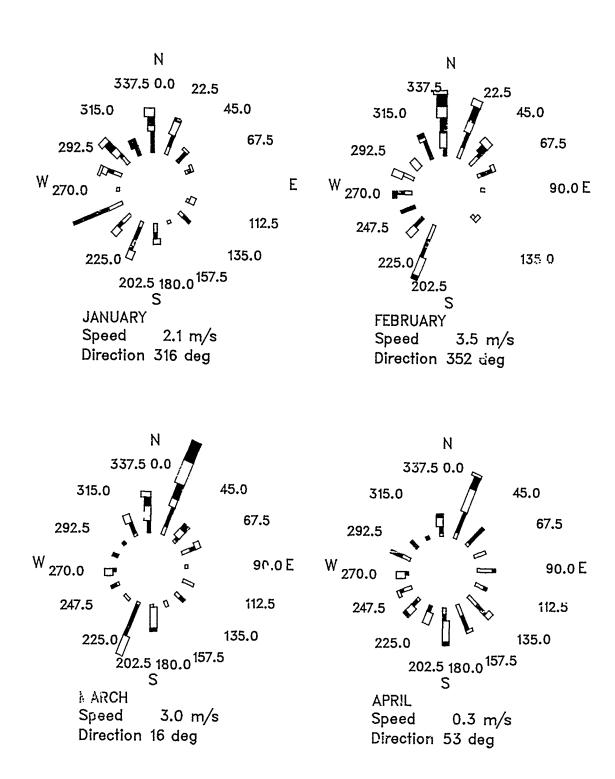


Figure 6. Annual wind roses



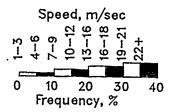


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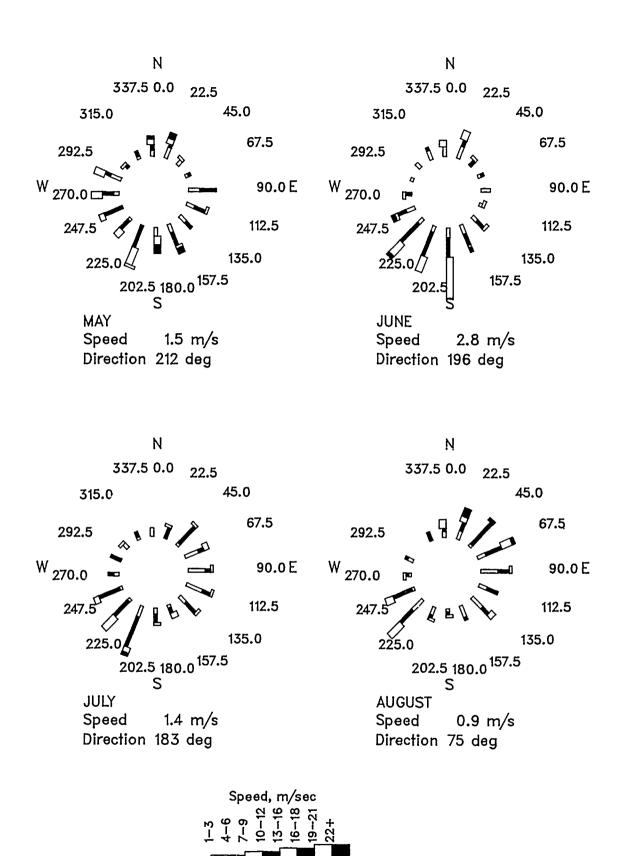
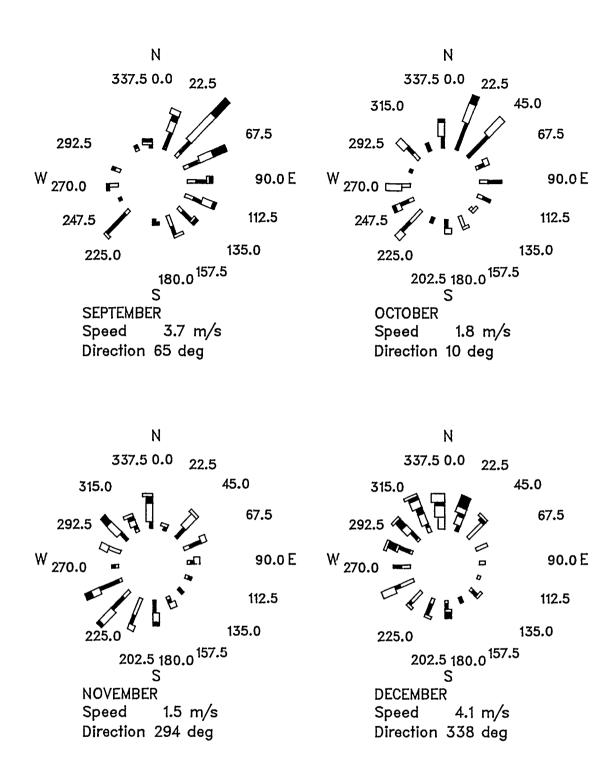


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Frequency, %



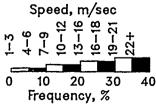
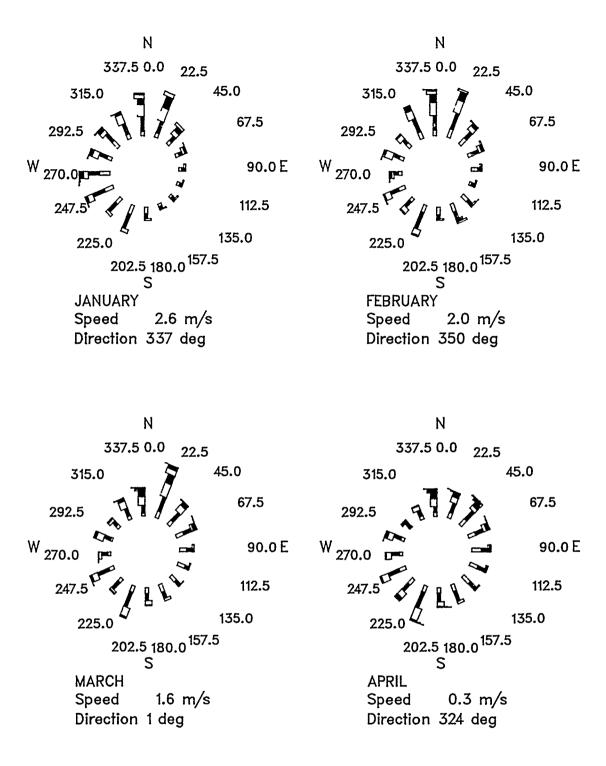


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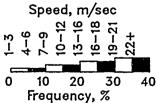


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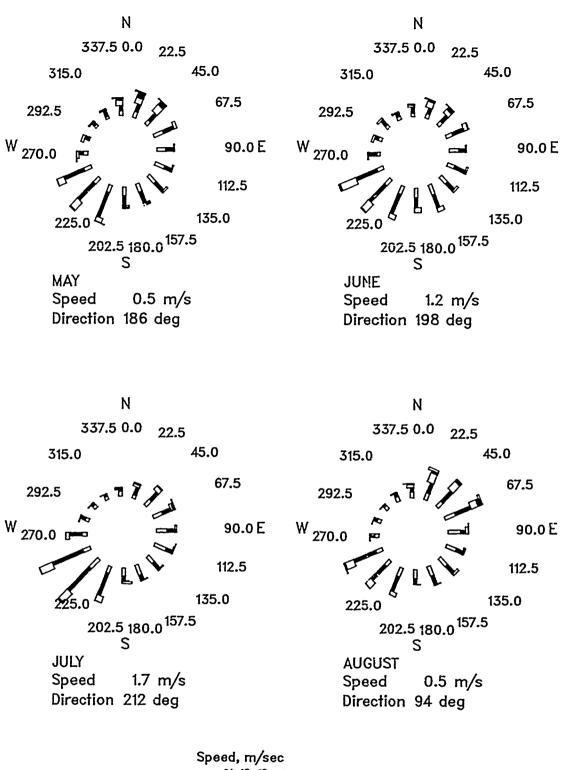
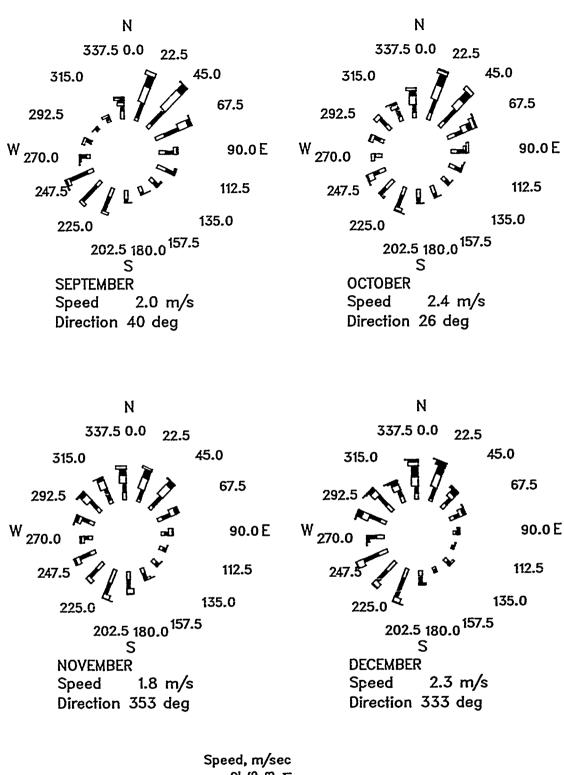


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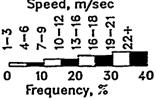


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PART III: WAVES

- 27. This section presents summaries of the wave data. A discussion of individual major storms is given in Part IX and contains additional wave data for times when wave heights exceeded 2 m at the seaward end of the FRF pier. Appendixes B through E provide more extensive data summaries for each gage, including height and period distributions, wave direction distributions, persistence tables, and spectra during storms.
- 28. Wave directions (similar to wind directions) at the FRF are seasonally distributed. Waves approach most frequently from north of the pier in the fall and winter and south of the pier in the summer, with the exception of storm waves that approach twice as frequently from north of the pier.

 Annually, waves are approximately evenly distributed between north and south (resultant wave direction being almost shore-normal).

Measurement Instruments

29. The wave gages included two wave staff (Gages 645 and 625), one buoy (Gage 630), and one pressure (Gage 111) gage as shown in Figure 2 and located as follows:

	Distance Offshore	Water Depth	Operational
Gage Type/Number	from Baseline	m	Period
Cortinuous wire (645)	238 m	3.5	11/84-12/89
Continuous wire (625)	579 m	8	11/78-12/89
Accelerometer buoy (630)	6 km	18	11/78-12/89
Pressure gage (111)	1 km	9	09/86-12/89

Staff gages

30. Two Baylor Company (Houston, TX) parallel cable inductance wave gages (Gage 645 at sta 7+80 and Gage 625 at sta 19+00 (Figure 2)) were mounted on the FRF pier. Rugged and reliable, these gages require little maintenance except to keep tension on the cables and to remove any material that may cause an electrical short between them. They were calibrated prior to installation by creating an electrical short between the two cables at known distances along the cable and recording the voltage output. Electronic signal conditioning amplifiers are used to ensure that the output signals from the gages are within a 0- to 5-V range. Manufacturer-stated gage accuracy is about 1.0 percent, with a 0.1-percent full-scale resolution; full scale is 14 m for Gage 625 and 8.2 m for Gage 645. These gages are susceptible to

lightning damage, but protective measures have been taken to minimize such occurrences. A more complete description of the gages' operational characteristics was given by Grogg / 86).

Buoy gage

31. One Datawell Laboratory for Instrumentation (Haarlem, The Netherlands) Waverider buoy gage (Gage 630) measures the vertical acceleration produced by the passage of a wave. The acceleration signal is double-integrated to produce a displacement signal transmitted by radio to an onshore receiver. The manufacturer stated that wave amplitudes are correct to within 3 percent of their actual value for wave frequencies between 0.065 and 0.500 Hz (corresponding 15- to 2-sec wave periods). The manufacturer also specified that the error gradually increased to 10 percent for wave periods in excess of 20 sec. The results in this report were not corrected for the manufacturer's specified amplitude errors. However, the buoy was calibrated semiannually to ensure that it was within the manufacturer's specification.

Pressure gage

32. One Senso-Metrics, Incorporated (Simi Valley, CA), pressure transduction gage (Gage 111) installed near the ocean bottom measures the pressure changes produced by the passage of waves creating an output signal that is linear and proportional to pressure when operated within its design limits. Predeployment and postdeployment precision calibrations are performed at the FRF using a static deadweight tester. The sensor's range is 0 to 25 psi (equivalent to 0- to 17-m seawater) above atmospheric pressure with a manufacturer-stated accuracy of ± 0.25 percent. Copper scouring pads are installed at the sensor's diaphragm to reduce biological fouling, and the system is periodically cleaned by divers.

Digital Data Analysis and Surmarization

- 33. The data were collected, analyzed, and stored on magnetic tape using the FRF's VAX computer. Data sets were normally collected every 6 hr. During storms, the collection was at 3-hr intervals. For each gage, a data set consisted of four contiguous records of 4,096 points recorded at 0.5 Hz (approximately 34-min long), for a total of 2 hr and 16 min. Analysis was performed on individual 34-min records.
 - 34. The analysis program computes the first moment (mean) and the

second moment about the mean (variance) and then edits the data by checking for "jumps," "spikes," and points exceeding the voltage limit of the gage. A jump is defined as a data value greater than five standard deviations from the previous data value, whereas a spike is a data value more than five standard deviations from the mean. If less than five consecutive jumps or spikes are found, the program linearly interpolates between acceptable data and replaces the erroneous data values. The editing stops if the program finds more than five consecutive jumps or spikes or more than a total of 100 bad points or the variance of the voltage is below 1×10^{-5} squared volts. The statistics and diagnostics from the analysis are saved.

- 35. Sea surface energy spectra are computed from the edited time scries. Spectral estimates are computed from smaller data segments obtained by dividing the 4,096-point record into several 512-point segments. The estimates are then ensemble-averaged to produce a more accurate spectrum. These data segments are overlapped by 50 percent (known as the Welch (1967) method) and have been shown to produce improved statistical properties than from nonoverlapped segments. The mean and linear trends are removed from each segment prior to spectral analysis. To reduce sidelobe leakage in the spectral estimates, a data window was applied. The first and last 10 percent of data points was multiplied by a cosine bell (Bingham, Godfrey, and Tukey 1967). Spectra were computed from each segment with a discreet Fast Fourier Transform and then ensemble-averaged. Sea surface spectra from subsurface pressure gages were obtained by applying the linear wave theory transfer function.
- 36. Unless otherwise stated, wave height in this report refers to the energy-based parameter H_{mo} defined as four times the zeroth moment wave height of the estimated sea surface spectrum (i.e., four times the square root of the variance) computed from the spectrum passband. Energy computations from the spectra are limited to a passband between 0.05 and 0.50 Hz for surface gages and between 0.05 Hz and a high frequency cutoff for subsurface gages. This high frequency limit is imposed to eliminate aliased energy and noise measurements from biasing the computation of H_{mo} and is defined as the frequency where the linear theory transfer function is less than 0.1 (spectral values are multiplied by 100 or more). Smoother and more statistically significant spectral estimates are obtained by band-averaging contiguous spectral components (three components are averaged per band producing a

frequency band width of 0.0117 Hz).

37. Wave period T_p is defined as the period associated with the maximum energy band in the spectrum, which is computed using a 3-point running average band on the spectrum. The peak period is reported as the reciprocal of the center frequency (i.e., $T_p = 1/\text{frequency}$) of the spectral band with the highest energy. A detailed description of the analysis techniques are presented in a report by Andrews (1987).*

Results

- 38. The wave conditions for the year are shown in Figure 9. For all four gages, the distributions of wave height for the current year and all years combined are presented in Figures 10 and 11, respectively. Distributions of wave period are presented in Figure 12.
- 39. Multiple year comparisons of data for Gage 111 actually incorporate data for 1985 and 1986 from Gage 640, a discontinued Waverider buoy previously located at the approximate depth and distance offshore as Gage 111 and data for 1987 from Gage 141, located 30 m south of Gage 111.
- 40. Refraction, bottom friction, and wave breaking contribute to the observed differences in height and period. During the most severe storms when the wave heights exceed 3 m at the seaward end of the pier, the surf zone (wave breaking) has been observed to extend past the end of the pier and occasionally 1 km offshore. This occurrence is a major reason for the differences in the distributions between Gage 630 and the inshore gages. The wave height statistics for the staff gage (Gage 645), located at the landward end of the pier, were considerably lower than those for the other gages. In all but the calmest conditions, this gage is within the breaker zone. Consequently, these statistics represent a lower energy wave climate.

^{*} M. E. Andrews. 1987. "Standard Wave Data Analysis Procedures for Coastal Engineering Applications," unpublished report prepared for the US Army Engineer Waterways Experiment Station, Vicksburg, MS.

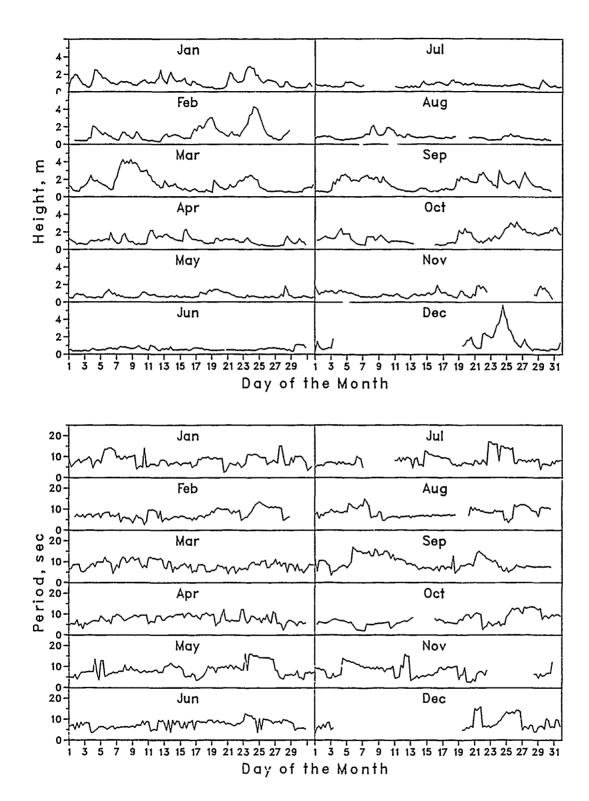


Figure 9. 1989 Time-histories of wave height and period for Gage 630

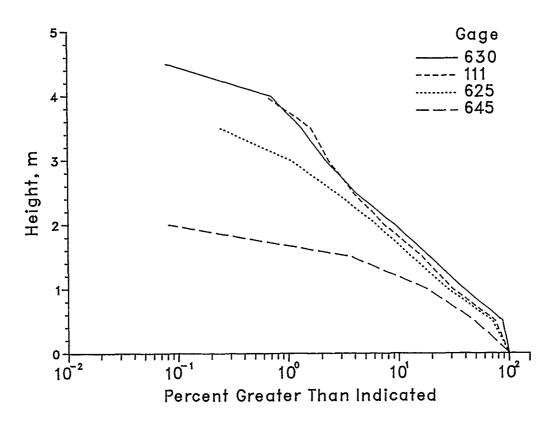


Figure 10. 1989 annual wave height distributions

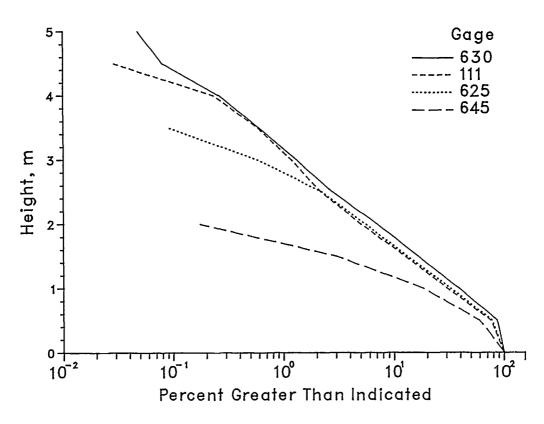


Figure 11. Annual distribution of wave heights for 1980 through 1989

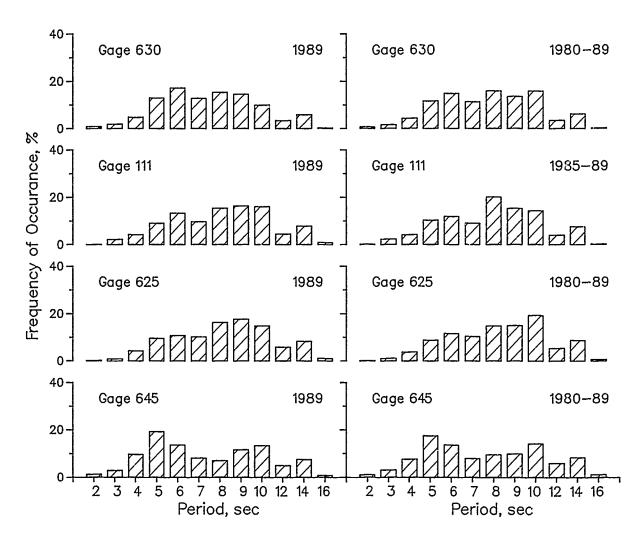


Figure 12. Annual wave period distributions for all gages

41. Summary wave statistics for the current year and all years combined are presented for Gage 630 in Table 3.

Table 3
Wave Statistics for Gage 650

				1989				1980-1989									
		Hoi	ght		Per	lod			Hei	8.16		Per	iod				
	Std. Std.								Std.		-	Std.					
	Mean	Dev.	Extreme		Mean	Dev.	Number	Mean	Dev.	Fytreme	•	Mean	Dev.	Number			
Month	m	m	m	Date	500	sec	Obs.	<u>m</u>	<u> </u>	in	Date	Sec	sec	Obs.			
Jan	1.2	0.6	2.9	23	8.2	2.6	121	1.2	0.7	4.5	1983	8.0	2.8	1071			
Feb	1.3	0.9	4.3	24	7.6	2.3	105	1.2	0.7	5.1	1987	8.4	2.6	1010			
Mar	1.5	1.0	4.2	7	8.2	2.1	123	1.2	0.7	4.7	1983	8.6	2.6	1121			
Apr	1.0	0.5	2.3	15	7.7	2.0	117	1.1	0.6	5.2	1988	8.6	2.7	1092			
May	0.8	0.3	1.8	28	8.4	3.1	122	0.9	0.5	3.3	1986	8.1	2.4	1105			
Jun	0.6	0.2	1.1	29	7.6	2.0	118	0.7	0.4	2.4	1988	7.7	2.2	1045			
Jul	0.8	0.3	1.4	29	8.5	2.9	109	0.7	0.3	2.1	1985	8.1	2.5	1057			
Aug	0.9	0.4	2.1	8	8.4	2.2	112	0.8	0.5	3.6	1981	8.0	2.4	1061			
Sep	1,5	0.7	3.0	24	9.6	3.2	111	1.1	0.6	6.1	1985	8.6	2.7	1071			
Oct	1.5	0.7	3.1	26	7.7	2.9	83	1.2	0.7	4.3	1982	8.7	2.8	1122			
Nov	1.0	0.4	1.9	21	8.0	3.0	97	1.1	0.6	4.1	1981	7.9	2.8	958			
Dec	1.5	1.2	5.6	24	8.1	3.3	59	1.2	0.8	5.6	1989	8.3	3.0	946			
Annual	1.1	0.7	5.6	Dec	8.2	2.7	1277	1.0	0.6	6.1	Sep 1985	8.3	2.6	12659			

- 42. Annual joint distributions of wave height versus wave period for Gage 630 are presented for all years combined in Table 5, and for 1989 in Table 4. Similar distributions for the other gages are included in Appendixes B-E.
- 43. Annual distributions of wave directions (relative to True North) based on daily observations of direction at the seaward end of the pier and height from Gage 625 (or Gage 111 when data for Gage 625 were unavailable) are shown in Figure 13. Monthly wave "roses" for 1989 and all years combined are presented in Figures 14 and 15, respectively.

Table 4 $\label{eq:table 4} Annual \mbox{(1989) Joint Distribution of} \ \ H_{mo} \ \ versus \ \ T_p \ \ for \mbox{Gage 630}*$

						F	eriod(sec)		-		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
	2.0-	3.0-	4.0-	5.0-	6.0-	7.0-	8.0-	9.0-	10.0-	12.0-	14.0-	16.0-	
Height(m)	2.9	3.9	4.9	5.9	<u>6.9</u>	7.9	8.9	<u>9.9</u>	11.9	13.9	<u>15,9</u>	_Longer	Total
0.00 - 0.49	47		31	102	94	141	337	251	125	23	55		1206
0.50 - 0.99	31	188	258	626	807	619	752	767	509	125	243	16	4941
1.00 - 1.49			188	368	446	258	180	227	149	70	39		1925
1.50 - 1.99			8	188	227	149	94	125	78	47	86	8	1010
2.00 - 2.49				16	149	31	125	47	23	55	63		509
2.50 - 2.99						47	31	16	31	8	55		188
3.00 - 3.49						39	8	8	16	8	8		87
3.50 - 3.99							8		39		16		63
4.00 - 4.49								16	16	8	23		63
4.50 - 4.99												:	Ô
5.00 - Greater									8		_		8
Total	78	188	485	1300	1723	1284	1535	1457	994	344	588	24	•

^{*} Percent occurrence (al^0) of height and period.

•						P	eriod(sec)					
Height(m)	2.0-	3.0- 3.9	4.0- 4.9	5.0- 5.9		7.0- 7.9	8.0- 8.9	9.0-			14.0- 15 9		T-1-1
110101111			-4.5		0.5		0.3		11.9	13 8	_12 a	Longer	<u>Total</u>
0.00 - 0.49	30	16	28	66	94	118	118	329	193	70	126	3	1351
0.50 - 0.99	38	134	254	512	596	525	525	849	781	149	216	15	4791
1.00 - 1.49		9	140	398	450	264	264	239	339	42	122	4	2210
1.50 - 1.99			13	159	253	113	113	81	133	36	78	5	947
2.00 - 2.49			2	25	85	70	70	57	66	32	43	2	424
2.50 - 2.99				1	8	33	33	18	37	10	26	-	149
3.00 - 3.49					1	12	12	14	17	5	9		71
3.50 - 3.99						1	1	6	13	4	5		35
4.00 - 4.49								2	8	2	4		19
4.50 - 4.99								_	2	_			3
5.00 - Greater								1	1	2	i	-	5
Total	68	159	437	1161	1487	1136	1596	1360	1590	352	630	29	_

^{*} Percent occurrence (x100) of height and period.

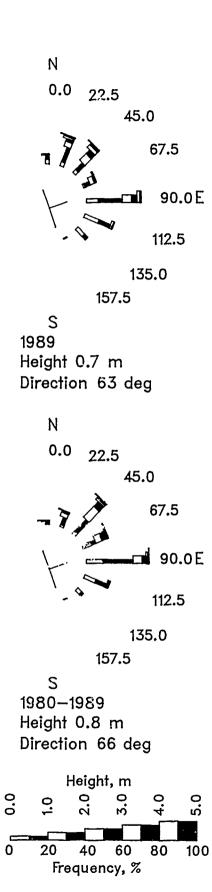
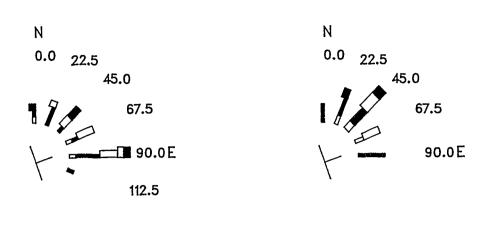
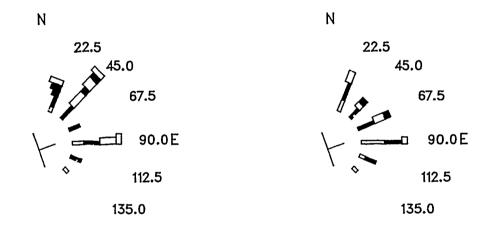


Figure 13. Annual wave roses









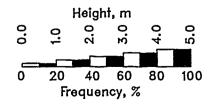
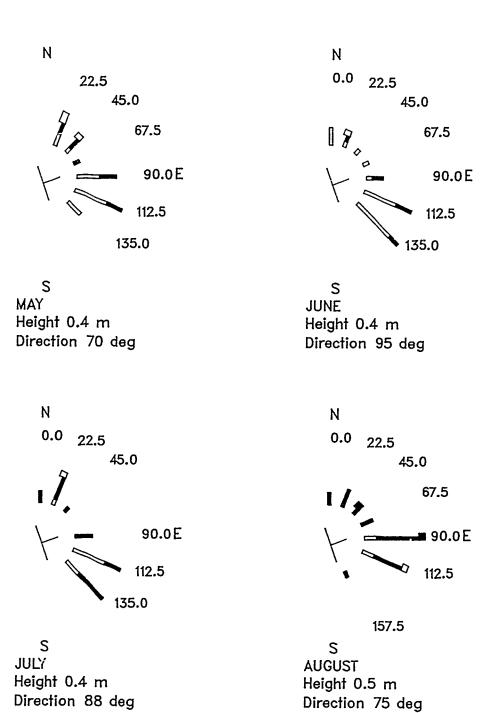


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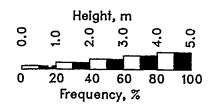
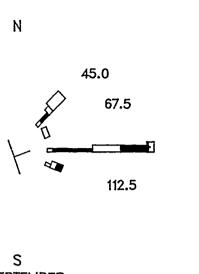
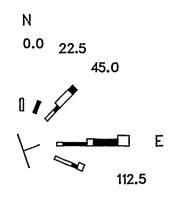
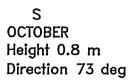


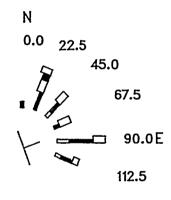
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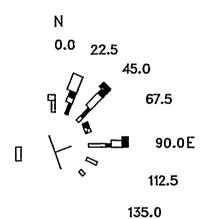




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S NOVEMBER Height 0.7 m Direction 55 deg

S DECEMBER Height 0.9 m Direction 46 deg

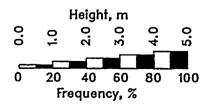
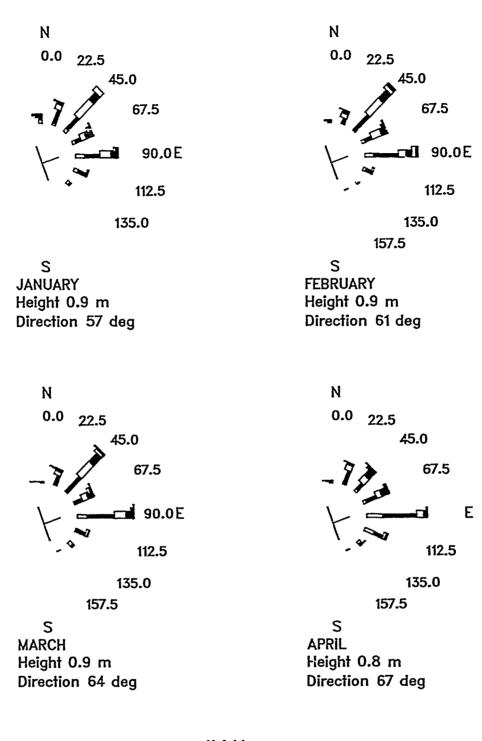


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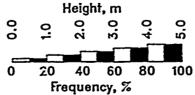


Figure 15. Monthly wave roses for 1980 through 1989 (Sheet 1 of 3)

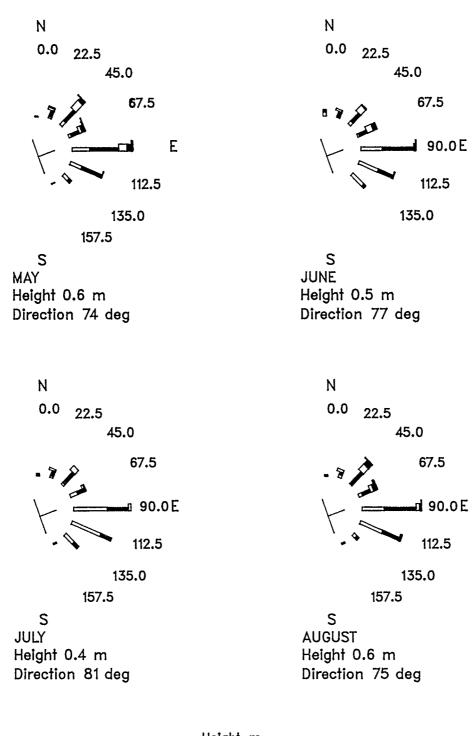
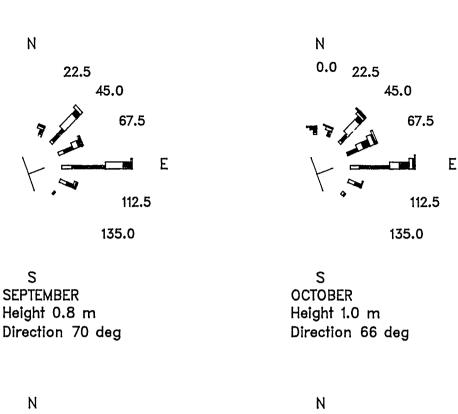
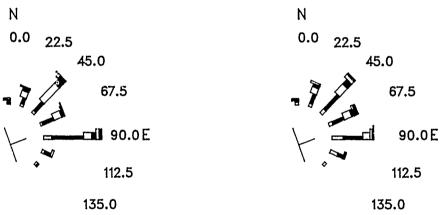


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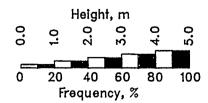


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PART IV: CURRENTS

44. Surface current speed and direction at the FRF are influenced by winds, waves, and, indirectly, by the bottom topography. The extent of the respective influence varies daily. However, winds tend to dominate the currents at the seaward end of the pier, whereas waves dominate within the surf zone.

Observations

45. Near 0700 EST, daily observations of surface current speed and direction were made at (a) the seaward end of the pier, (b) the midsurf position on the pier, and (c) 10 to 15 m from the beach 500 m updrift of the pier. Surface currents were determined by observing the movement of dye on the water surface.

Results

46. Annual mean and mean currents for 1980 through 1989 are presented in Table 6 and in Figure 16. Figure 16 shows the daily and average annual measurements at the beach, pier midsurf, and pier end locations. Since the relative influences of the winds and waves vary with position from shore, the current speeds and, to some extent, direction vary at the beach, midsurf, and pier end locations. Magnitudes generally are largest at the midsurf location and lowest at the end of the pier.

Table 6

<u>Mean Longshore Surface Currents*</u>

	Pier End, cm/sec		Pier Mids	urf, cm/sec	Beach, cm/sec		
		1980-		1980-		1980-	
Month	1989	1989	1989	<u>1989</u>	1989	1989	
Jan	15	16	12	19	10	13	
Feb	17	18	23	12	13	12	
Mar	16	16	8	14	1	13	
Apr	12	11	7	1	-5	7	
May	~1	10	-9	-4	-7	-1	
Jun	9	6	-6	-8	-17	-6	
Ju1	12	4	-6	-15	-19	-10	
Aug	8	8	-8	-12	-8	-6	
Sep	-1	7	-22	-8	-30	-4	
0ct	10	9	13	1	24	4	
Nov	6	13	-5	6	10	11	
Dec	24	15	55	18	35	11	
Annual	11	11	5	2	1	4	

^{* + =} southward; - = northward.

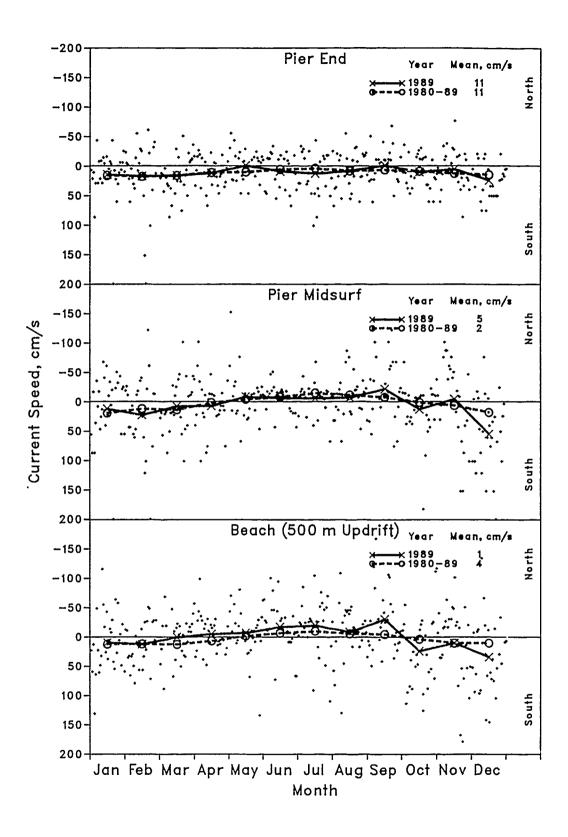


Figure 16. Daily current speeds and directions with monthly means for 1989

PART V: TIDES AND WATER LEVELS

Measurement Instrument

- 47. Water level data were obtained from a NOAA/NOS control tide station (sta 865-1370) located at the seaward end of the research pier (Figure 2) by using a Leupold and Stevens, Inc. (Beaverton, OR), digital tide gage. This analog-to-digital recorder is a float-activated, negator-spring, counterpoised instrument that mechanically converts the vertical motion of a float into a coded, punched paper tape record. The below-deck installation at pier sta 19+60 consisted of a 30.5-cm-diam stilling well with a 2.5-cm orifice and a 21.6-cm-diam float.
- 48. Operation and tending of the tide gage conformed to NOS standards. The gage was checked daily for proper operation of the punch mechanism and for accuracy of the time and water level information. The accuracy was determined by comparing the gage level reading with a level read from a reference electric tape gage. Once a week, a heavy metal rod was lowered down the stilling well and through the orifice to ensure free flow of water into the well. During the summer months, when biological growth was most severe, divers inspected and cleaned the orifice opening as required.
- 49. The tide station was inspected quarterly by a NOAA/NOS tide field group. Tide gage elevation was checked using existing NOS control positions, and the equipment was checked and adjusted as needed. Both NOS and FRF personnel also reviewed procedures for tending the gage and handling the data. Any specific comments on the previous months of data were discussed to ensure data accuracy.
- 50. Digital paper tape records of tide heights taken every 6 min were analyzed by the Tides Analysis Branch of NOS. An interpreter created a digital magnetic computer tape from the punch paper tape, which was then processed on a large computer. First, a listing of the instantaneous tidal height values was created for visual inspection. If errors were encountered, a computer program was used to fill in or recreate bad or missing data using correct values from the nearest NOS tide station and accounting for known time lags and elevation anomalies. The data were plotted, and a new listing was generated and rechecked. When the validity of the data had been confirmed, monthly tabulations of daily highs and lows, hourly heights (instantaneous

height selected on the hour), and various extreme and/or mean water level statistics were computed.

Results

51. Tides at the FRF are semidiurnal with both daily high and low tides approximately equal. Tide height statistics are presented in Table 7. Figure 17 plots the monthly tide statistics for all available data, and Figure 18 compares the distribution of daily high and low water levels and hourly tide heights. The monthly or annual mean sea level (MSL) reported is the average of the hourly heights, whereas the mean tide level is midway between mean high water (MHW) and mean low water (MLW), which are the averages of the daily high- and low-water levels, respectively, relative to NGVD. Mean range (MR) is the difference between MHW and MLW levels, and the lowest water level for the month is the extreme low (EL) water, while the highest water level is the extreme high (EH) water level.

Table 7

<u>Tide Height Statistics*</u>

Month or Year	Mean High Water	Mean Tide Level	Mean Sea <u>Level</u>	Mean Low Water	Mean <u>Range</u>	Extreme High	Date	Extreme Low	Date
					1989				
Jan	43	5	5	-34	77	81	8	-61	10
Feb	46	6	7	-34	80	102	24	-68	10
Mar	48	9	9	-30	78	109	8	-53	18
Apr	44	4	4	-37	81	88	7	-77	5
May	48	7	8	-34	82	76	7	-71	6 1
Jun	47	7	8	-33	80	76	30	-54	1
Jul	50	9	10	-30	80	77	1	-45	3
Aug	58	18	18	-22	80	88	19	-51	21
Sep	60	20	20	~20	80	102	19	-47	16
Oct	-	-	_	Gage	Inoperative	-		-	-
Nov	45	6	6	-34	79	76	10	-70	12
Dec	47	6	7	-34	81	117	13	-66	16
1989	49	9	9	-31	80	199	Mar	-77	Apr
					Prior Years	i			
1988	46	6	7	-33	79	129	Apr	-72	Dec
1987	55	15	16	-24	79	113	Jan	-63	Nov
1986	60	13	13	-35	95	123	Dec	-108	Jan
1985	59	10	11	-37	96	136	Dec	-93	Apr
1984	64	16	16	-32	97	147	Oct	-77	Jul
1983	68	19	19	-30	98	143	Jan	-73	Mar
1982	58	8	9	-42	99	127	Oct	-108	Feb
1981	59	8	9	-42	101	149	Nov	-110	Apr
1980	59	8	8	-43	102	118	Mar	-119	Mar
1979	60	9	9	-43	103	121	Feb	-95	Sep
1979-									
1989	59	11	12	-36	95	199	Mar 1989	-119	Mar 1980

^{*} Measurements are in centimeters.

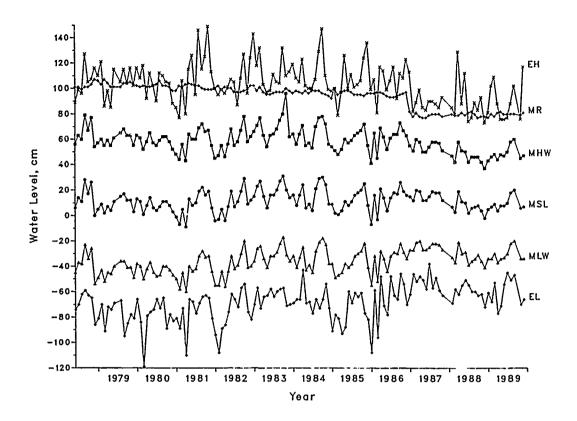


Figure 17. Monthly tide and water level statistics relative to NGVD

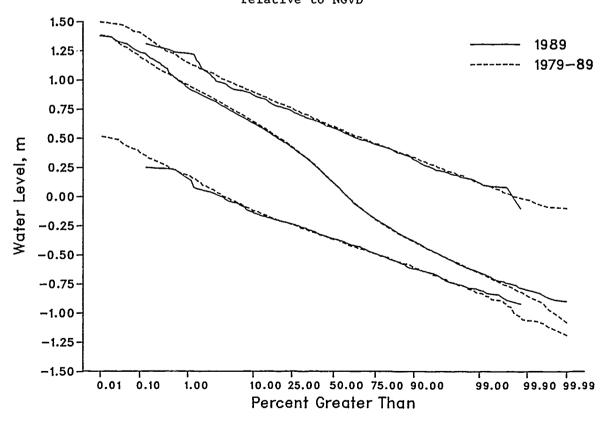


Figure 18. Distributions of hourly tide heights and high- and low-water levels

PART VI: WATER CHARACTERISTICS

52. Monthly averages of daily measurements of surface water temperature, visibility, and density at the seaward end of the FRF pier are given in Table 8. The summaries represent single observations made near 0700 EST and, therefore, may not reflect daily average conditions since such characteristics can change within a 24-hr period. Large temperature variations were common when there were large differences between the air and water temperatures and variations in wind direction. From past experience, persistent onshore winds move warmer surface water toward the shoreline, although offshore winds cause colder bottom water to circulate shoreward resulting in lower temperatures.

Table 8

Mean Surface Water Characteristics

		ature C	Visib m	oility	Dens g/c	
		1980-		1980-		1980-
Month	1989	1989	<u> 1989</u>	1989	1989	1989
Jan	7.5	5.8	1.9	1.2	1.0250	1.0236
Feb	7.3	4.9	2.1	1.7	1.0248	1.0232
Mar	6.4	6.5	1.2	1.5	1.0235	1.0230
Apr	11.2	10.9	1.9	1.9	1.0234	1.0227
May	15.5	15.2	2.9	2.4	1.0220	1.0222
Jun	19.0	19.3	4.1	3.5	1.0224	1.0216
Jul	23.6	21.9	2,6	3.7	1.0198	1.0215
Aug	25.6	23.4	2.5	3.1	1.0181	1.0205
Sep	24.4	22.8	1.3	2.2	1.0208	1.0213
0ct	21.6	19.2	1.8	1.5	1.0211	1.0217
Nov	16.5	14.9	1.4	1.0	1.0235	1.0230
Dec	7.7	9.9	0.7	1.1	1.0239	1.0235
Vussing	15.6	14.5	2.0	2.1	1.0223	1.0223

Temperature

53. D_aily sea surface water temperatures (Figure 19) were measured with an NOS water sampler and thermometer. Monthly mean water temperatures (Table 8) varied with the air temperatures (see Table 2).

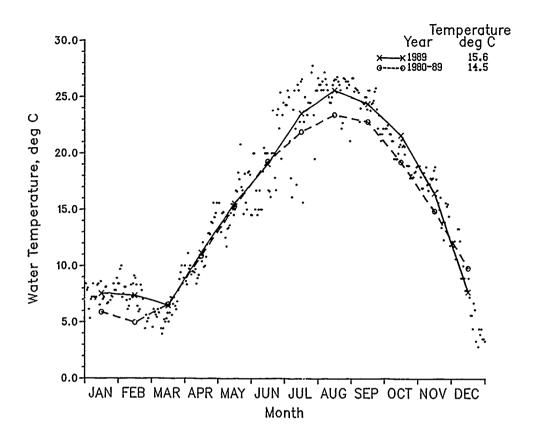


Figure 19. Daily water temperature values with monthly means

Visibility

- 54. Visibility in coastal nearshore waters depends on the amount of salts, soluble organic material, detritus, living organisms, and inorganic particles in the water. These dissolved and suspended materials change the absorption and attenuation characteristics of the water that vary daily and yearly.
- 55. Visibility was measured with a 0.3-m-diam Secchi disk, and similar to water temperature, variation was related to onshore and offshore winds. Onshore winds moved warm clear surface water toward shore, whereas offshore winds brought up colder bottom water with large concentrations of suspended matter. Figure 20 presents the daily and monthly mean surface visibility values for the year. Large variations were common, and visibility less than 1 m was expected in any month. Monthly means are given in Table 8.

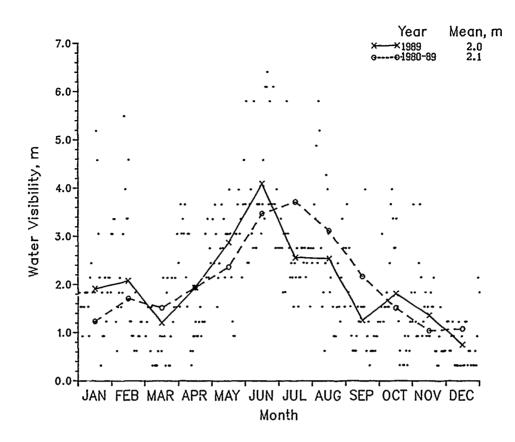


Figure 20. Daily water visibility values with monthly means

Density

56. Daily and monthly mean surface density values, plotted in Figure 21, were measured with a hydrometer. Monthly means are also given in Table 8.

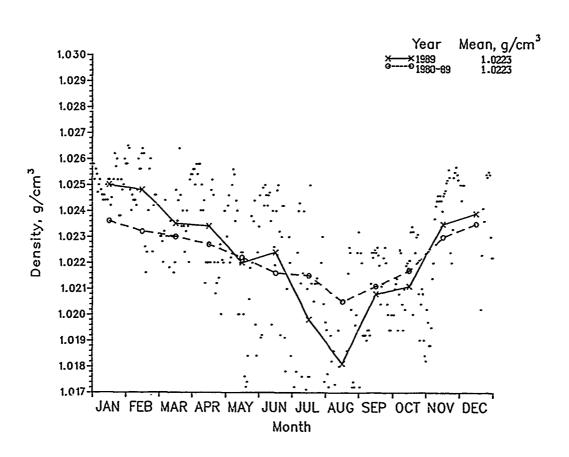


Figure 21. Daily water density values with monthly means

PART VII: SURVEYS

- 57. Waves and currents interacting with bottom sediments produce changes in the beach and nearshore bathymetry. These changes can occur very rapidly in response to storms or slowly as a result of persistent but less forceful seasonal variations in wave and current conditions.
- 58. Nearshore bathymetry at the FRF is characterized by regular shore-parallel contours, a moderate slope, and a barred surf zone (usually an outer storm bar in water depths of about 4.5 m and an inner bar in water depths between 1.0 and 2.0 m). This pattern is interrupted in the immediate vicinity of the pier where a permanent trough runs under much of the pier, ending in a scour hole where depths can be up to 3.0 m greater than the adjacent bottom (Figure 22). This trough, which apparently is the result of the interaction of waves and currents with the pilings, varies in shape and depth with changing wave and current conditions. The effect of the pier on shore-parallel contours occurs as far as 300 m away, and the shoreline may be affected up to 350 m from the pier (Miller, Birkemeier, and DeWall 1983).

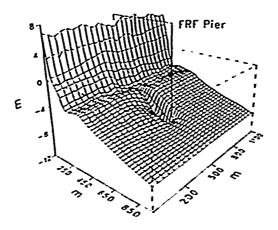


Figure 22. Permanent trough under the FRF pier, 27 February 89

- 59. To document the temporal and spatial variability in bathymetry, surveys were conducted approximately monthly of an area extending 600 m north and south of the pier and approximately 950 m offshore. Contour maps resulting from these surveys along with plots of change in elevation between surveys are given in Appendix A.
- 60. All surveys used the Coastal Research Amphibious Buggy (CRAB), a 10.7-m-tall amphibious tripod, and a Zeiss electronic surveying system described by Birkemeier and Mason (1984). The profile locations are shown in each figure in Appendix A. Survey accuracy was about ±3 cm horizontally and vertically. Monthly soundings along both sides of the FRF pier were collected by lowering a weighted measuring tape to the bottom and recording the distance below the pier deck. Soundings were taken midway between the pier pilings to minimize errors caused by scour near the pilings.
- 61. A history of bottom elevations below Gages 645 and 625 is presented in Figure 23 for their respective pier stations of sta 7+80 (238 m) and sta 19+00 (579 m) along with intermediate locations, 323 and 433 m.

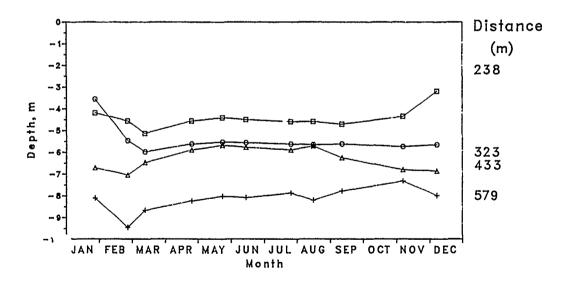


Figure 23. Time-history of bottom elevations at selected locations under the FRF pier

PART VIII: PHOTOGRAPHY

Aerial Photographs

62. Aerial photography was taken quarterly using a 23-cm aerial mapping camera at a scale of 1:12,000. All coverage was at least 60-percent overlap, with flights flown as closely as possible to low tide between 1000 and 1400 EST with less than 10-percent cloud cover. The flight lines covered are shown in Figure 24. Figure 25 is a sample of the imagery obtained on 17 April 1989; the available aerial photographs for the year are:

<u>Date</u>	Flight Lines	<u>Format</u>
5 Jan	2	Color
	3	B/W
11 Mar	1	B/W
	2	Color
17 Apr	2	Color
•	3	B/W
30 Jul	1	B/W
	2	Color
	3	B/W
11 Oct	2	Color
	3	B/W

Beach Photographs

63. Daily color slides of the beach were taken using a 35-mm camera tro, the same location on the pier looking north and south (Figure 26). The ation from which each picture was taken, as well as the date, time, and a brief description of the picture, was marked on the slides.

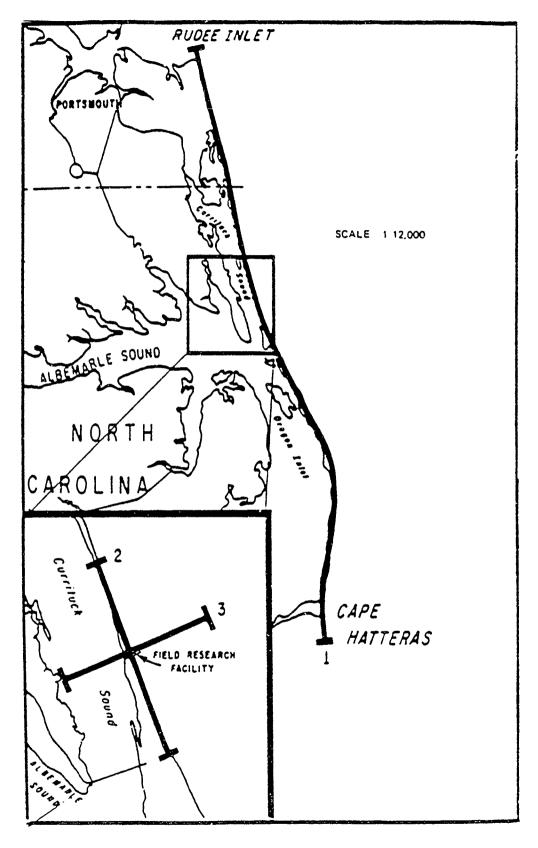


Figure 24. Aerial photography flight lines



Figure 25. Sample aerial photograph, 17 April 1989

North View

South View





a. 15 January 1989





b. 2 February 1989





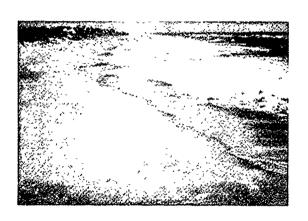
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Figure 26. Beach photos looking north and south from the FRF pier (Sheet 1 of 4) $\,$



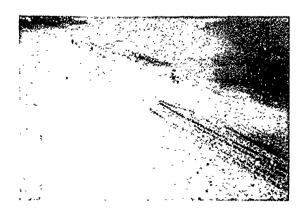


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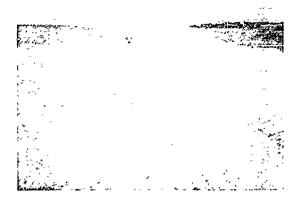




f. 23 June 1989

Figure 26. (Sheet 2 of 4)





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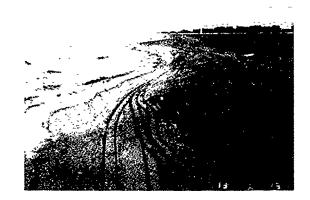




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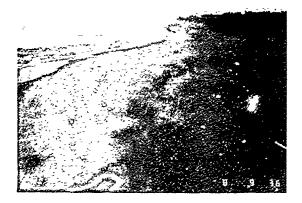
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1. 8 December 1989
Figure 26. (Sheet 4 of 4)

PART IX: STORMS

. This section discusses storms (defined here as times when the wave height parameter, H_{mo} , equaled or exceeded 2 m at the seaward end of the FRF pier). Sample spectra from Gage 630 are given in Appendix B. Prestorm and/or poststorm bathymetry diagrams are given in Appendix A. Tracking information was provided by NOAA Daily Weather Maps (US Department of Commerce 1989).

4 January 1989 (Figure 27)

65. Dropping down from Canada on 3 January, this storm quickly intensified as it passed over Virginia into the Atlantic. Maximum wind speeds (from northwest) exceeded 13 m/sec on 4 January at 0242 EST, followed 6 hr later by the maximum H_{mo} (Gage 111) of 2.24 m ($T_p = 7.11 \ \text{sec}$). The minimum atmospheric pressure of 995 mb occurred on 3 January at 2042 EST. Precipitation totaled 5 mm.

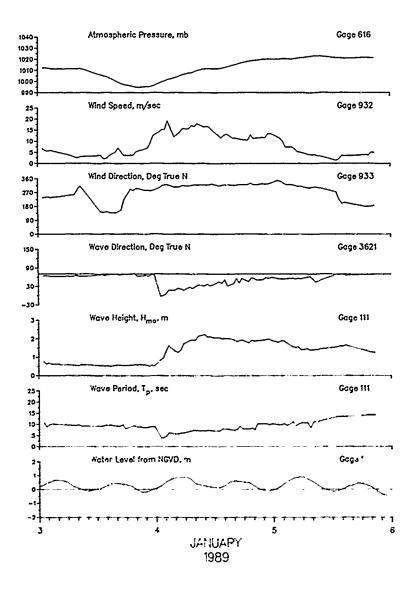


Figure 27. Data for 4 January 1989 storm

23-24 January 1989 (Figure 28)

66. On 20 January, this storm developed in the Gulf of Mexico and slowly moved across Florida into the Atlantic early on 23 January. Blocked by a New England high pressure system, the storm was unable to move up the coast and was forced into the open ocean. Maximum wind speeds (from north) exceeding 13 m/sec were recorded on 23 January at 1334 EST. The maximum H_{mo} (Gage 111) of 3.08 m (T_{p} = 10.67 sec) occurred at 1600 EST. Because the storm tracked well to the south of the FRF, the atmospheric pressure remained high, dropping only to 1015.8 mb. There was no precipitation.

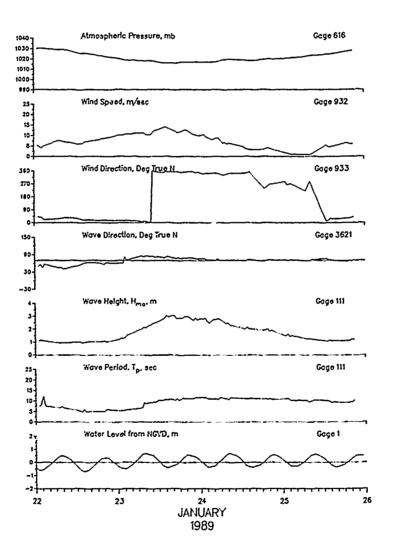


Figure 28. Data for 23-24 January 1989 storm

17-19 February 1989 (Figure 29)

67. Strong onshore winds (from northeast) generated by a Canadian high pressure system were reinforced by the formation of a storm off the North Carolina coast early on 18 February. Blocked by the high pressure system to the north, the storm quickly moved offshore. Peak winds (from northeast) exceeded 16 m/sec, coinciding with the maximum H_{mo} (Gage 625) of 2.86 (T_p = 7.53 sec). Both events were recorded on 18 February at 1634 EST. The minimum atmospheric pressure of 1,019 mb occurred on 19 February at 0242 EST. Total precipitation was 42 mm.

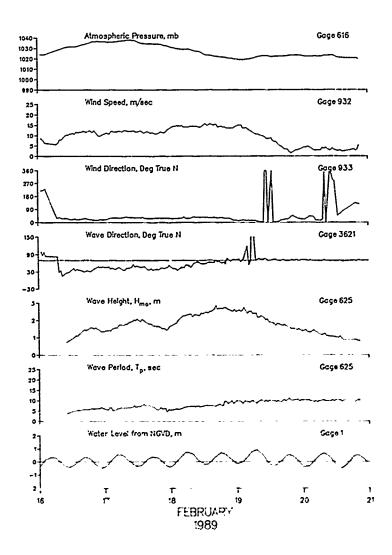


Figure 29. Data for 17-19 February 1989 storm

23-25 February 1989 (Figure 30)

68. This powerful northeaster developed off the North Carolina coast on 23 February and rapidly intensified. On 24 February, the storm picked up speed as it moved up the coast and was located off the New England coast by 25 February. Onshore winds (from north) approached 20 m/sec at 0434 EST on 24 February followed by the maximum H_{mo} (Gage 625) of 4.09 m (T_p = 11.13 sec) at 1000 EST. The minimum atmospheric pressure of 1,006.1 mb was recorded the same day at 0242 EST. Total precipitation was 12 mm. A number of cottages and motels along the Outer Banks were damaged by this storm, and erosion was severe to much of the oceanfront dune system, resulting in scarps up to 7 m in height.

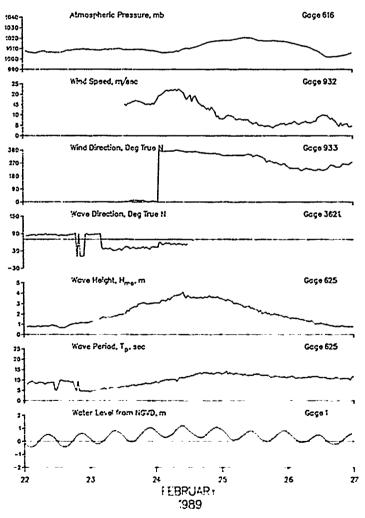
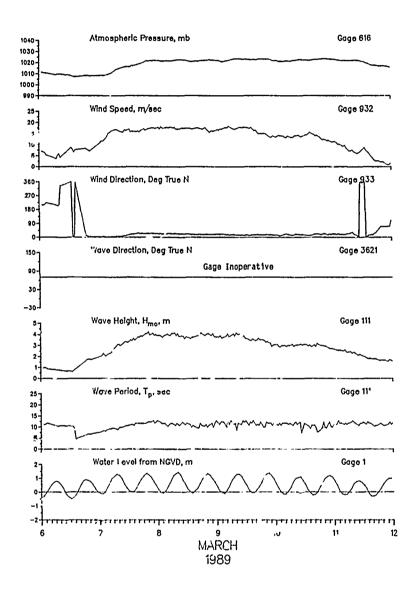


Figure 30. Data for 23-25 February 1989 storm

7-11 March 1989 (Figure 31)

- 69. Forming over Alabama early on 6 March this complex storm moved off the North Carolina coast on 7 March and promply stalled. Forming on a stationary front over the Florida Keys, a secondary low pressure system quickly intensified as it crossed Florida and moved into the Atlantic. Blocked by a Canadian high pressure system, the storm slowly moved up the coast, finally stalling off the Georgia coast, changed direction, and moved offshore. By 11 March the storm no longer threatened the coastline. Maximum wind speeds (from north-northeast) approached 18 m/sec at 0242 EST on 8 March. However, onshore winds exceeding 15 m/sec lasted for 59 consecutive hours. The maximum H_{∞} (Gage 111) of 4.23 m ($T_{\rm p}$ = 12.19 sec) occurred at 1934 EST on 7 March. The minimum atmospheric pressure of 1,007.3 mb (this pressure reading indicates that the storm's center was never close to the FRF) was recorded on 6 March at 1442 EST. Precipitation totaled 28 mm.
- 70. This storm destroyed or damaged over 100 cottages and motels along the Outer Banks and as such was the most destructive storm in this area since the infamous "Ash Wednesday" (March 1962) storm. In addition to the storm's intensity and duration, several contributing factors coincided to increase its destructive potential. These included spring tides occurring during the height of the storm and a beach already severely eroded by intense storms in February.



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Figure 31. Data for 7-11 March 1989 storm

23-24 Mcrch 1989 (Figure 32)

71. Developing in the Gulf of Mexico on 23 March, this storm rapidly traveled up the eastern seaboard, arriving over eastern North Carolina early on 24 March, and reached New Englan, the next day. Maximum wind speeds (from northeast) exceeded 14 m/sec on 23 March at 1442 EST, followed several hours later (2200 EST) by the maximum H_{mo} (Gage 625) of 2.35 m ($T_{\rm p}$ = 9.48 sec). The minimum atmospheric pressure of 1,009.6 mb was recorded on 24 March at 1142 EST. Total precipitation was 60 mm.

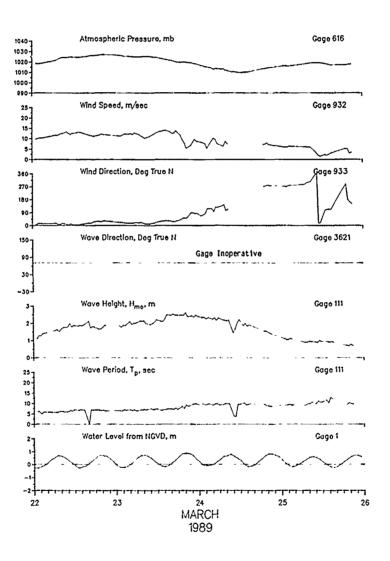


Figure 32. Data for 23-24 March 1989 storm

11 April 1989 (Figure 33)

72. Developing well off the North Carolina coast on 10 April this minor storm remained stationary throughout the day, finally disintegrating on 11 April. Maximum onshore winds (from north-northeast) exceeded 15 m/sec at 0208 EST, followed several hours later by the maximum H_{mo} (Gage 625) of 2.08 m ($T_p = 6.74$ sec). The atmospheric pressure only dropped to 1,018.3 mb early on 10 April. Precipitation amounted to 26 mm.

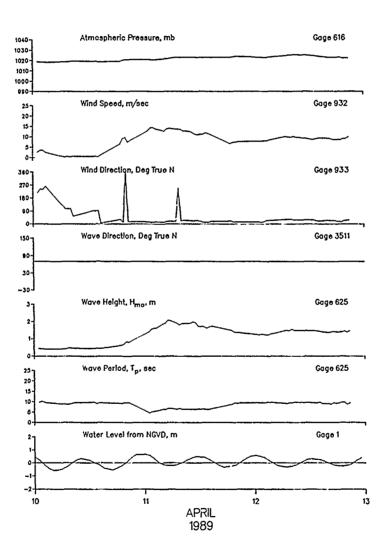


Figure 33. Data for 11 April 1989 storm

4-10 September 1989, Hurricane Gabrielle (Figure 34)

73. Storm waves, initially caused by strong (over 13 m/sec) northeast winds following the passage of a cold front on 3 September, attained an H_{mo} (at Gage 625) of 2.54 m (T_p = 9.48 sec) late on 4 September. Moderate winds through 5 September kept the H_{mo} above 2 m. Early on 6 September, with the H_{mo} hovering just above 2 m, the period took a dramatic jump to over 15 sec. This swell was generated by Hurricane Gabrielle, which remained well out to sea as it skirted the Bahamas on a northerly track that paralleled the US coast. These long period waves continued to buffet the Outer Banks through the morning of 10 September. The highest measured H_{mo} (Gage 625) of 2.54 m (T_p = 13.47 sec) was recorded at 1108 EST on 9 September. Because the hurricane remained far offshore, neither the atmospheric pressure nor the winds at the FRF were influenced by the storm.

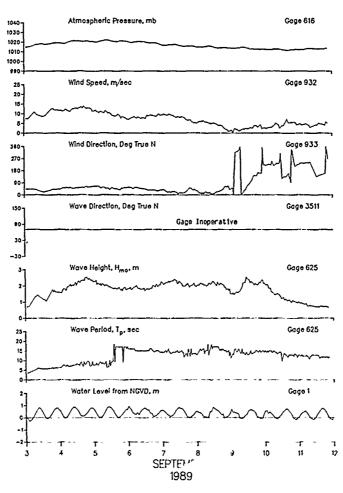


Figure 34. Data for 4-10 September 1989 storm

21-22 September 1989, Hurricane Hugo (Figure 35)

74. Hurricane Hugo made landfall at approximately 2200 EST on 21 September near the city of Charleston, SC, causing tremendous damage to the beaches and coastal towns of South Carolina. Other communities far from the coast were also damaged as the storm traveled well inland before turning north. The FRF, which is approximately 565 km north of Charleston, received only minimal effects from Hugo as the storm's inland path was well west of the area. Waves with H_{mo} exceeding 2 m began arriving at the FRF early on 21 September with the highest H_{mo} (Gage 625) of 2.50 m (T_p = 15.06 sec) recorded several hours later at 1408 EST. Maximum onshore (from the northeast) winds exceeded 12 m/sec late on 21 September. Due to the storm's distance, the atmospheric pressure dropped only to 1,011.4 mb early on 22 September. There was no precipitation at the FRF.

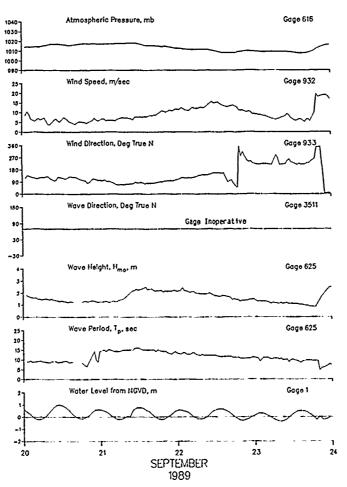


Figure 35. Data for 21-22 September 1989 storm

23-24 September 1989 (Figure 36)

75. Following the passage of a cold front, strong winds generated by a large high pressure system located over Michigan began to affect the FRF late on 23 September. Maximum wind speeds (from the north-northeast) exceeding 18 m/sec occurred on 23 September at 2200 EST. The maximum H_{mo} (Gage 625) of 2.50 m (T_p = 7.53 sec) was recorded 2 hr later at 2342 EST. Total precipitation was 6 mm.

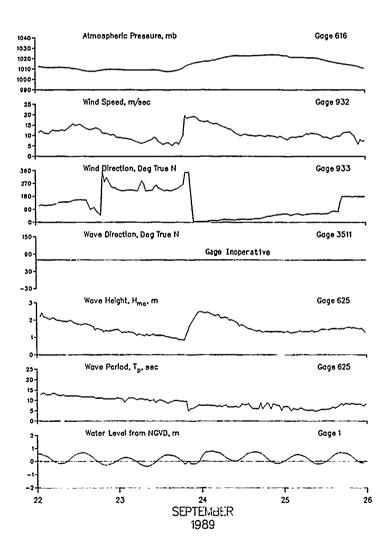


Figure 36. Data for 23-24 September 1989 storm

27 September 1989 (Figure 37)

76. Forming off the Georgia coast early on 25 September, this "northeaster" quickly moved up the coast reaching the Maryland shore on 26 September. Peak winds (from the north) exceeded 15 m/sec on 27 September at 0434 EST. The maximum H_{mo} (at Gage 625) of 2.39 m ($T_p = 7.76$ sec) occurred 4 hr later at 0842 EST. The minimum atmospheric pressure of 1,008.6 mb was recorded on 26 September at 0400 EST. Total precipitation was 54 mm.

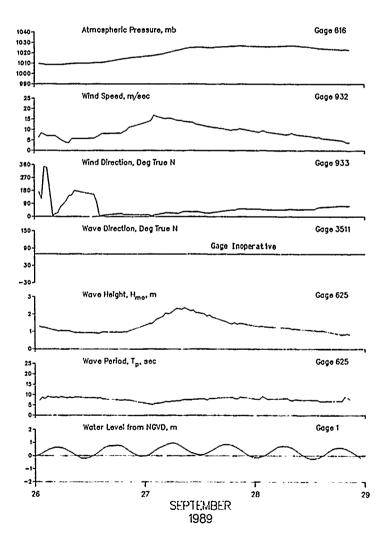


Figure 37. Data for 27 September 1989 storm

25-26 Cctober 1989 (Figure 38)

77. A strong high pressure system stalled over West Virginia generated winds (from north-northeast) that produced storm waves for 2 days at the FRF. Peak winds of 13 m/sec were recorded early on 24 October with the maximum H_{mo} (Gage 625) of 2.60 m (T_p = 12.19 sec) occurring at 2008 EST on 25 October.

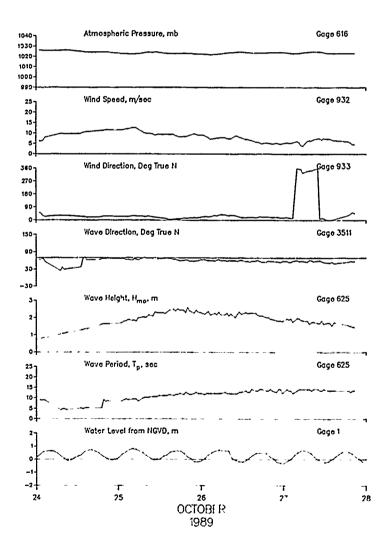


Figure 38. Data for 25-26 October 1989 storm

23 November 1989 (Figure 39)

78. Developing over Texas early on 22 November, this storm quickly moved to the east, being located off North Carolina on 23 November. Maximum wind speeds (from north-northeast) exceeded 19 m/sec at 0542 EST, on 23 November. Recorded several hours later at 0808 EST, the peak H_{mo} (T_p = 6.92 sec) reached 2.32 m (Gage 625). The minimum atmospheric pressure of 1,000.7 mb occurred at 0134 EST, also on 23 November. Total precipitation was 39 mm.

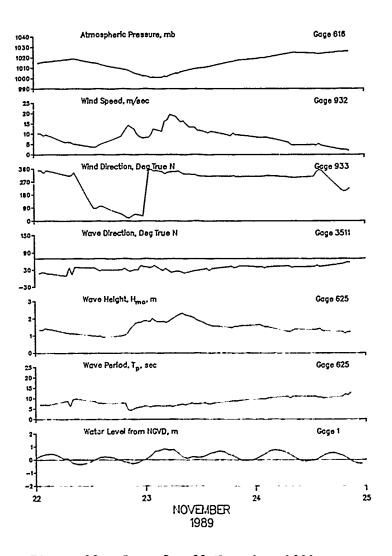


Figure 39. Data for 23 November 1989 storm

8-10 December 1989 (Figure 40)

79. Developing over Alabama early on 8 December, this storm quickly moved to the east, being located off North Carolina on 9 December. Maximum wind speeds (from northeast) exceeded 20 m/sec at 2200 EST on 9 December. Earlier in the day at 0208 EST, the peak $\rm H_{mo}$ (Gage 625) reached 3.05 m ($\rm T_p$ = 9.85 sec). The minimum atmospheric pressure of 1,001.9 mb occurred at 2200 EST, also on 9 December. Total precipitation was 56 mm.

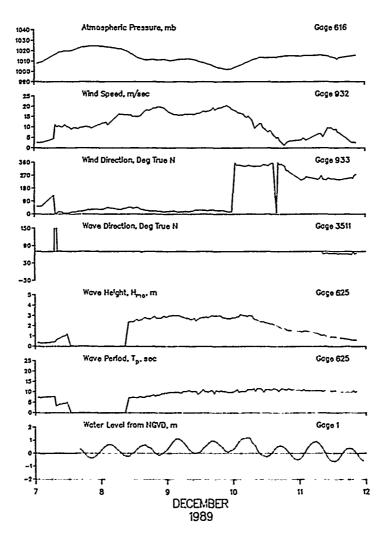


Figure 40. Data for 8-10 December 1989 storm

13 December 1989 (Figure 41)

80. Developing in the Gulf of Mexico, this small coastal storm rapidly moved into the Atlantic, being located off Cape Hatteras, NC, on 13 December. Recorded at 0808 EST, the peak wind speed (from north) surpassed 13 m/sec followed at 1334 EST by the maximum H_{mo} (Gage 625) of 2.46 m ($T_p = 9.48 \ \text{sec}$). The minimum atmospheric pressure of 1,002.7 mb occurred at 0400 EST. Total precipitation was 19 mm.

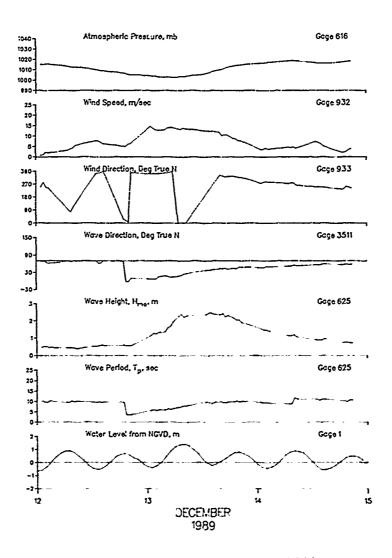


Figure 41. Data for 13 December 1989 storm

22 December 1989 (Figure 42)

81. Winds from a strong high pressure system located over the midwestern United States began to generate storm waves at the FRF early on 22 December. The maximum H_{mo} (Gage 111) of 2.31 m ($T_p \approx 6.74$ sec) was attained at 0208 EST with maximum winds (from north-northwest) of 14 m/sec occurring at 0100 EST.

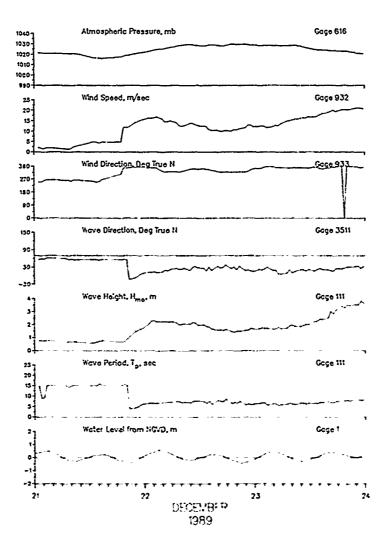


Figure 42. Data for 22 December 1989 storm

23-25 December 1989 (Figure 43)

82. Reinforced by the same mid-western high pressure system that had produced storm waves on 22 December, a storm which developed off the Georgia coast on 23 December quickly intensified into a major blizzard. The storm destroyed several previously damaged oceanfront cottages in the town of Kitty Hawk and produced gale-force winds accompanied by significant quantities of snow. The maximum H_{mo} (Gage 111) of 4.67 m ($T_p = 10.67$ sec) was recorded at 1442 EST on 24 December. Offshore (Gage 630), the H_{mo} reached 5.63 m ($T_p = 11.13$ sec) at 1300 EST the same day. Peak winds (from the north) approached 21 m/sec at 0842 EST, also on 24 December. Winds above 10 m/sec were recorded for 39 consecutive hours. Since the center of the storm remained offshore, the atmospheric pressure at the FRF dropped only to 1,012.5 mb at 1142 EST on 24 December. Due to the strong winds, the rain gages failed to collect much of the snowfall. Approximately 20 to 25 cm of snow fell at the FRF with up to 36 cm reported at other locations.

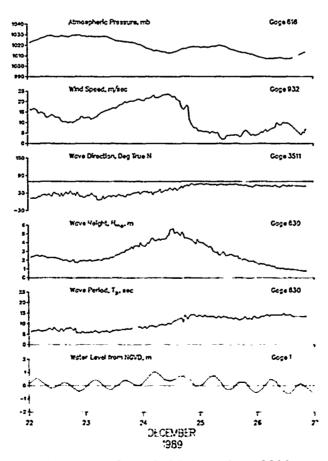


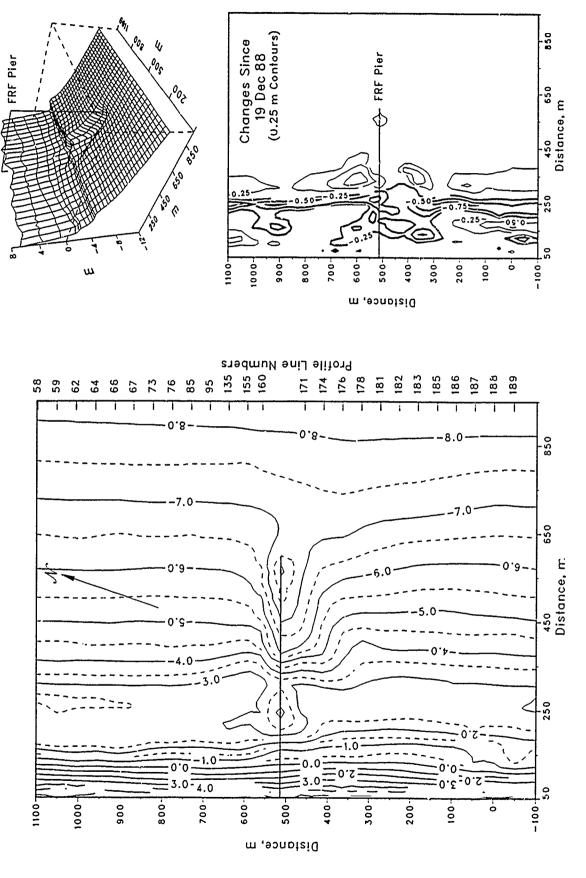
Figure 43 Data for 23-25 December 1989 storm

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APPENDIX A: SURVEY DATA

- 1. Contour diagrams constructed from the bathymetric survey data are presented in this appendix. The profile lines surveyed are identified on each diagram. Contours are in half meters referenced to National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD). The distance offshore is referenced to the Field Research Facility (FRF) monumentation baseline behind the dune.
- 2. Change in FRF bathymetry diagrams constructed by contouring the difference between two contour diagrams are also presented with contour intervals of 0.25 m. Wide contour lines show areas of erosion. Other areas correspond to areas of accretion. Although these change diagrams are based on considerable interpolation of the original survey data, they do facilitate comparison of the contour diagrams.



FRF Bathymetry 25 January 89 (depths relative to NGVD) Figure Al.

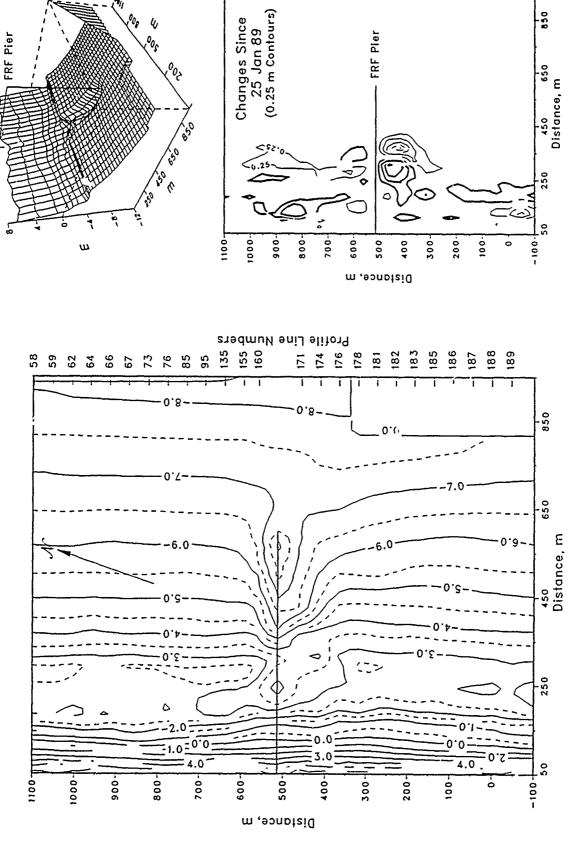
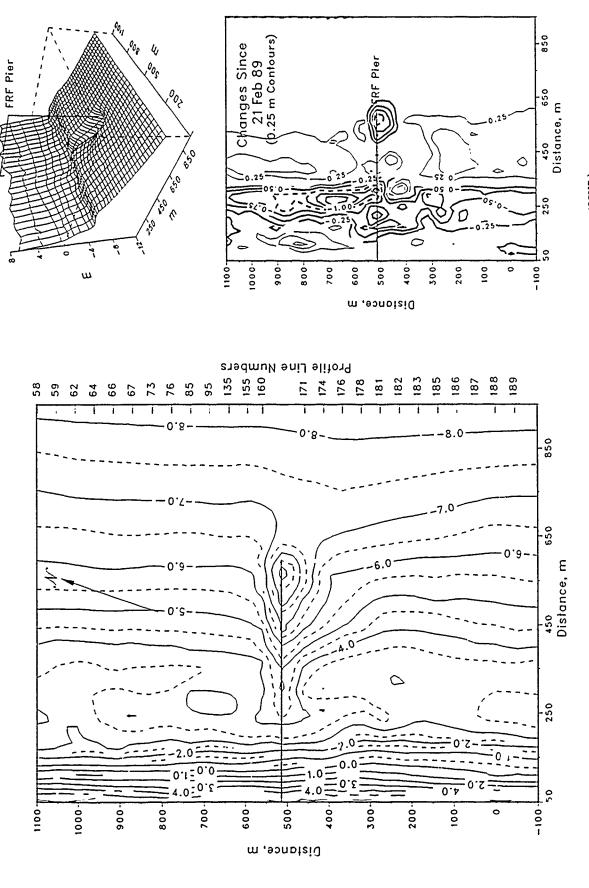


Figure A2. FRF Bathymetry 21 February 89 (depths relative to NGVD)

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FRF Bathymetry 27 February 89 (depths relative to NGVD) Figure A3.

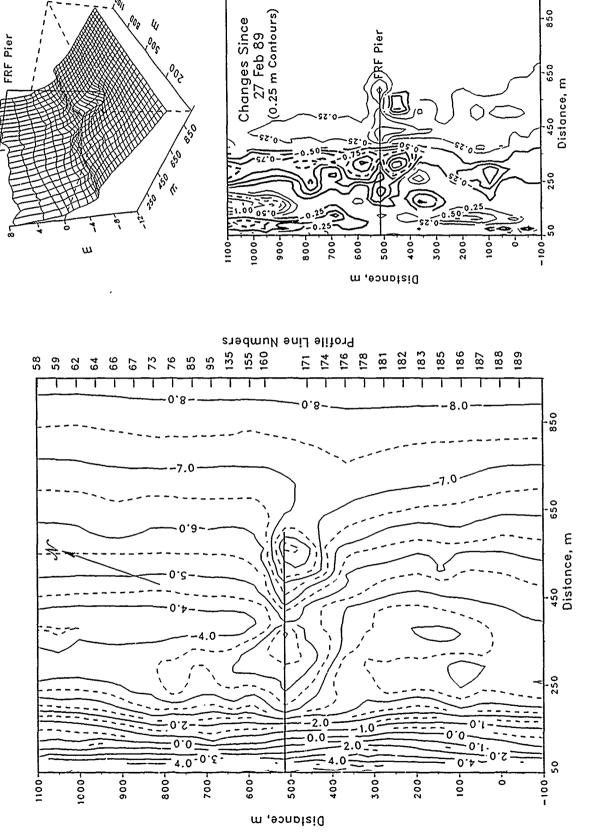


Figure A4. FRF Bathymetry 12 March 89 (depths relative to NGVD)

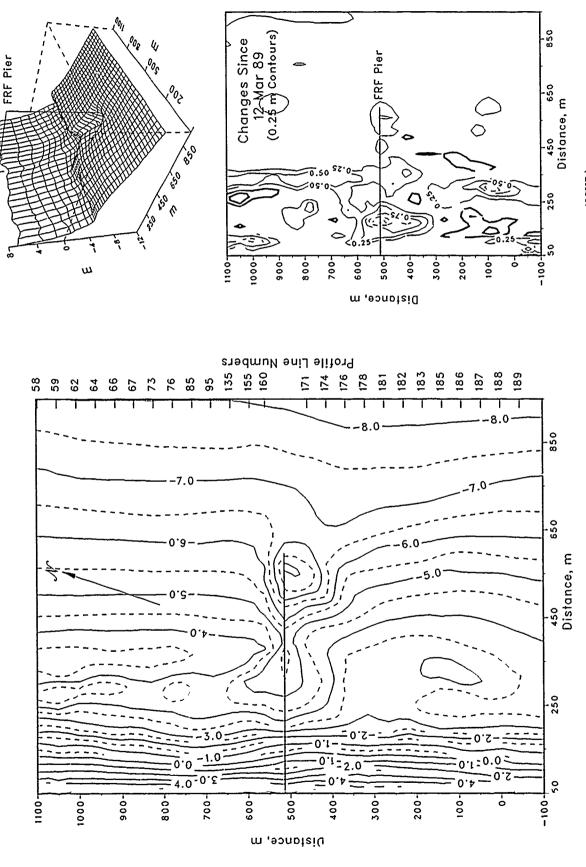


Figure A5. FRF Bathymetry 26 April 89 (depths relative to NGVD)

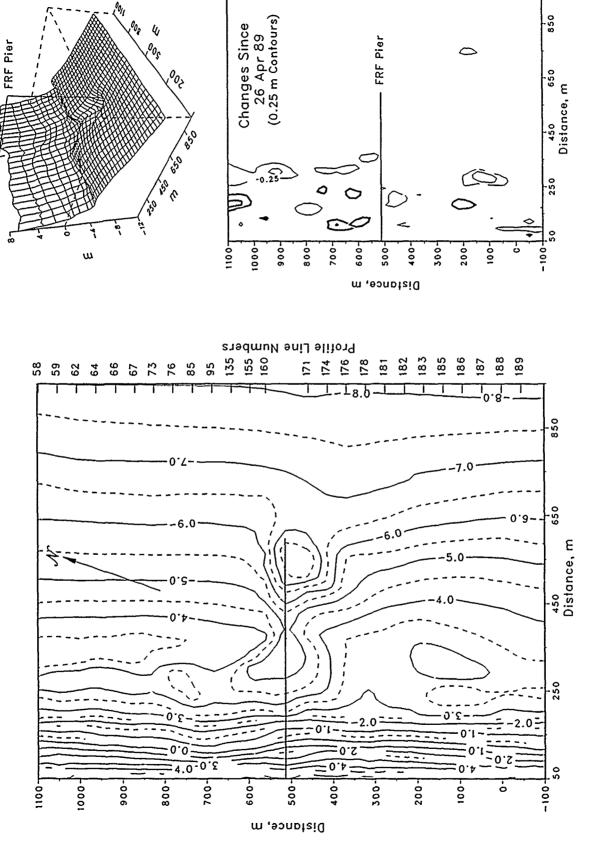


Figure A6. FRF Bathymetry 24 May 89 (depths relative to NGVD)

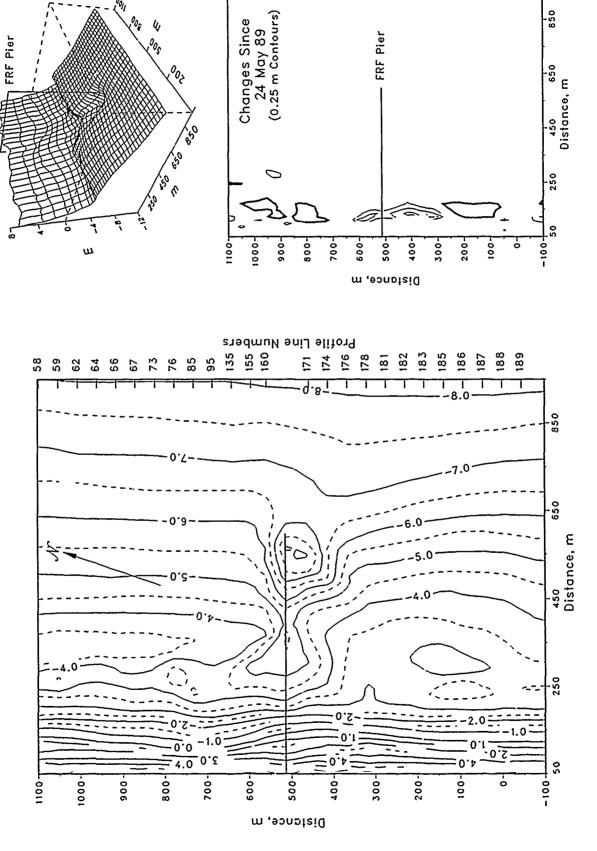
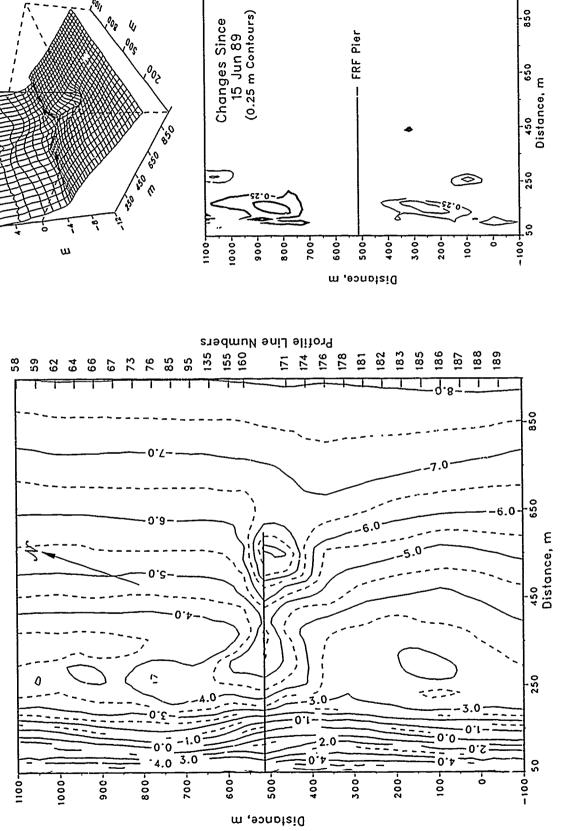
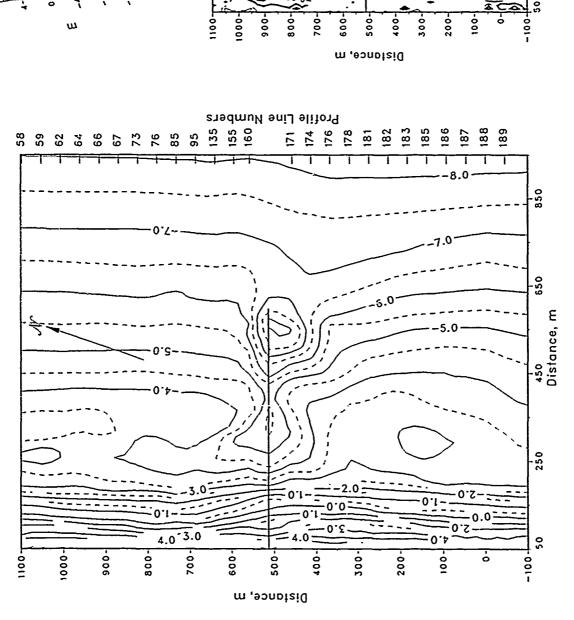


Figure A7. FRF Bathymetry 15 June 89 (depths relative to NGVD)



FRF Pier

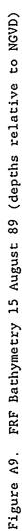
Figure A8. FRF Bathymetry 26 July 89 (depths relative to NGVD)



Changes Since 26 Jul 89 (0.25 m Contours)

FRF Pier

FRF Pier

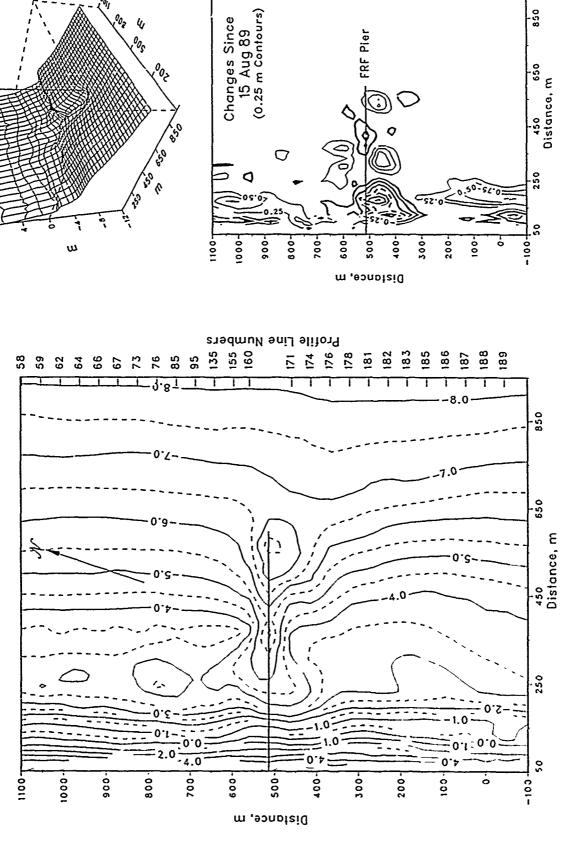


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450 650 Distance, m

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FRF Pier

Figure AlO. FRF Bathymetry 12 September 89 (depths relative to NGVD)

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Figure All. FRF Bathymetry 1 November 89 (depths relative to NGVD)

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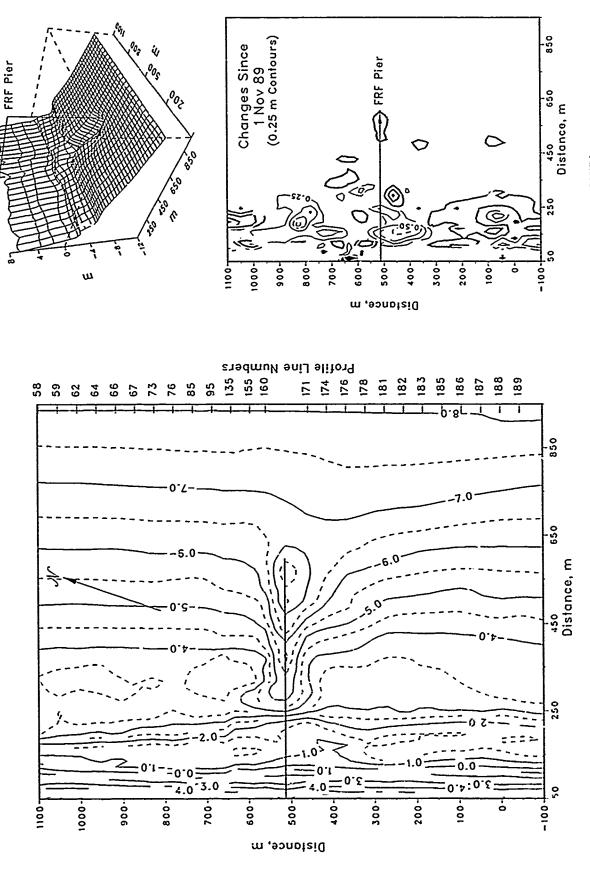


Figure A12. FRF Bathymetry 7 December 89 (depths relative to NGVD)

APPENDIX B: WAVE DATA FOR GAGE 630

1. Wave data summaries for Gage 630 are presented for 1989 and for 1980 through 1989 in the following forms:

Daily H_{∞} and T_p

2. Figure B1 displays the individual wave height and peak spectral wave period values along with the monthly mean values.

Joint Distributions of $\,\,H_{\!_{DO}}\,\,$ and $\,\,T_{p}$

3. Annual and monthly joint distributions tables are presented in Tables B1 and B2, and data for 1980 through 1989 are in Tables B3 and B4. Each table gives the frequency (in parts per 10,000) for which the wave height and peak period were within the specified intervals; these values can be converted to percentages by dividing by 100. Marginal totals are also included. The row total gives the total number of observations out of 10,000 that fell within each specified peak period interval. The column total gives the number of observations out of 10,000 that fell within each specified wave height interval.

Cumulative Distributions of Wave Height

4. Annual and monthly wave height distributions for 1989 are plotted in cumulative form in Figures B2 and B3. Data for 1980 through 1989 are in Figure B4.

Peak Spectral Wave Period Distributions

5. Annual and monthly peak wave period, T_p , distribution histograms for 1989 are presented in Figures B5 and B6. Data for 1980 through 1989 are in Figure B7.

Persistence of Wave Heights

6. Table B5 shows the number of times in 1989 when the specified wave height was equaled or exceeded at least once during each day for the duration (consecutive days). Data for 1980 through 1989 are given in Table B6. An example is shown below:

Height							Cons	ecut	ive	Day(s) or	Lon	ger						
m	1	_2	_3	4	_5	6	_7	_8	9	10	<u>11</u>	12	<u>13</u>	14	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	17	<u>18</u>	<u> 19+</u>
0.5	18	15		14	13	12		11	10	9				8		7			
1.0	50	34	24	21	18	14	12	8	7	3			2						
1.5	41	19	8	6	2	1													
2.0	22	9	5	1															
2.5	10	5	2																
3.0	6	1																	
3.5		1																	
4.0	1																		

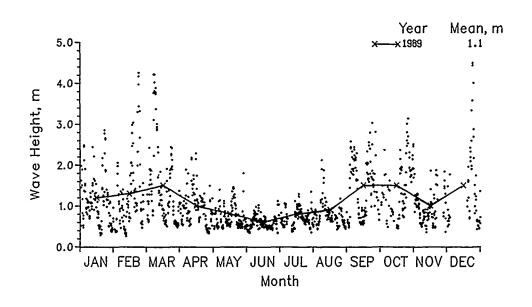
This example indicates that wave heights equaled or exceeded 1.0 m 50 times for at least 1 day; 34 times for at least 2 days; 24 times for at least 3 days, etc. Therefore, on 16 occasions the height equaled or exceeded 1.0 m for 1 day exactly (50 - 34 = 16); on 10 occasions for 2 days; on 3 occasions for 3 days, etc. Note that the height exceeded 1 m 50 times for 1 day or longer, while heights exceeded 0.5 m only 18 times for this same duration. This change in durations occurred because the longer durations of lower waves may be interspersed with shorter, but more frequent, intervals of higher waves. For example, one of the times that the wave heights exceeded 0.5 m for 16 days may have represented 3 times the height exceeded 1 m for shorter durations.

Spectra

7. Monthly spectra for the offshore Waverider buoy (Gage 630) are presented in Figure B8. The plots show "relative" energy density as a function of wave frequency. These figures summarize the large number of spectra for each month. The figures emphasize the higher energy density associated with storms as well as the general shifts in energy density to different frequencies. As used here, "relative" indicates the spectra have been smoothed by the three-dimensional surface drawing routine. Consequently, extremely high- and low-energy density values are modified to produce a smooth

surface. The figures are not intended for quantitative measurements; however, they do provide the energy density as a function of frequency relative to the other spectra for the month.

- 8. Monthly and annual wave statistics for Gage 630 for 1989 and for 1980 through 1989 are presented in Table B7.
 - 9. Figure B9 plots monthly time-histories of wave height and period.



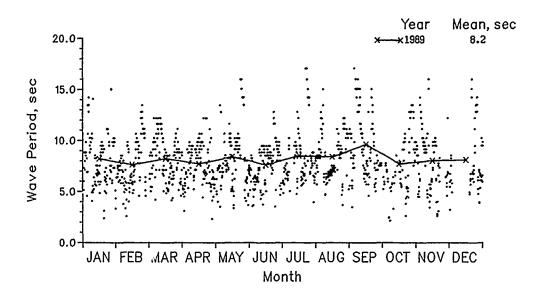


Figure B1. 1989 daily wave height and period values with monthly means for Gage 630

Annual 1989, Gage 630 Percent Occurrence(X100) of Height and Period Period. sec													
						<u> </u>	r100.	sec					
Height, m	2.0- 2.9	3.0- 3.9	4.0-				8.0- 	9.0- 9.9			14.0- _15.9	16.0- Longer	<u> Total</u>
0.00 - 0.49 0.50 - 0.99	47 31	188	31 258	102 626	94 807	141 619	237 752	251 767	125 509	23 125	55 243	16	1206 4941 1925
1.00 - 1.49 1.50 - 1.99	•	•	188 8	368 188	446 227	258 149	180 94	227 125	149 78	70 47	39 86	8	1010
2.00 - 2.49		:	·	16	149	31	125	47	23	55	63	·	509
2.50 - 2.99 3.00 - 3.49	•	•	-	•	•	47 39	31 8	16 8	31 16	8 8	55 8	•	188 87
3.50 - 3.49	:	•	:	:	:		8		39			•	63 63
4.00 - 4.49	:	:						16	16	8	16 23		
4.50 - 4.99	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	ė	•	•		0 8
5.00 - Greater Total	78	188	485	1300	1723	1284	1535	1457	994	344	588	24	· ·

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			Pe	ercent	0ccuri	Januar rence() Per	(100) (ght and	d Perio	od		
Height. m	2.0-	3.0- 3.9	4.0- 4.9	5.0- 5.9	6.0- 6.9	7.0-		9.0-	10.0- 11.9	12.0- 13.9	14.0- 15.9	16.0- Longer	<u>Tota</u>
0.00 - 0.49 0.50 - 0.99	83	165	248	248	413	83 248	83 661	826 661	165 248	165	248		1240 330
1.00 - 1.49 1.50 - 1.99 2.00 - 2.49	:	:	331	826 165	579 413 331	579 83	331 248 248	331	83 248	248 83	:	:	3308 1240 579
2.50 - 2.49 2.50 - 2.99 3.00 - 3.49	:	•		•		:		:	33 i	•	:	:	33
3.50 - 3.99 4.00 - 4.49		:	:	:	÷	:	:		:	:	•		(
4.50 - 4.99 5.00 - Greater							:						(
Total	83	165	579	1239	1736	993	1571	1818	1075	496	248	0	
			P	ercent	0ccur	Februa rence(ry 198 X100)	9, Gag of Hei	e 630 ght an	d Peri	od		
						<u>Pe</u>	riod.	sec					
<u> Height. m</u>	2.0- 	3.0- 3.9		5.0- 5.9		7.0- 	8.0- <u>8.9</u>	9.0- <u>9.9</u>	10.0- _11.9	12.0- _13.9	14.0- _15.9	16.0- Longer	<u>Tot</u>
0.00 - 0.49 0.50 - 0.99	95	190	95 381	286 571	381 571	286 286	190 95	476 286	190 476				199 285
1.00 - 1.49 1.50 - 1.99	•	130	190	762 286	286 286	286 190	381 95	286 95	286 95	:	:	•	247 104
2.00 - 2.49 2.50 - 2.99	:		:	:	381	95 190	95	:	:	:	95 95	•	57 38
3.00 - 3.49 3.50 - 3.99	:	•	:	:	:	95 •	95	95 ·		95 -	95	:	38 .9
4.00 - 4.49 4.50 - 4.99	:	:	:	:	•	:	:	:	95	:	95 •	:	19
5.00 - Greater Total	95	190	666	1905	1905	1428	95i	1238	1142	95	380	ó	
			Р	ercent	. Occur	Marc rence(9, Gag of Hei		d Peri	cd		
						Pe	riod.	sec					
<u>Height</u> m	2.0- 2.9	3.0- 3.9	4.0- 4.9	5.0- 5.9	6.0- 6.9	7.0- 	8.0- _8.9	9.0- 9.9	10.0- 9.11_!	12.0- 13.9	14.0- 15.9	16.0- Longer	<u>Tot</u>
0.00 - 0.49 0.50 - 0.99			325	81 732	163	407	81 1301	569	325	•			16 382 252
1.00 - 1.49 1.50 - 1.99	:	:	81	325 163	407 488	569 244	407 163	163 325	488 163	÷	8i	:	252 154
2.00 - 2.49 2.50 - 2.99			•		163	8i	244 163	163	81	•	81		2/
3.00 - 3.49 3.50 - 3.99	:	:	:	:	:	163	:		81 407	:	8i	:	24 41
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Table B2 (Continued)

	April 1989),	Gage 63	30	
Percent	April 1989 Occurrence(X100))f	Height	and	Period

	Period. sec												
<u> Height, m</u>	2.0- 				6.0- 6.9		8.0- 8.9		10.0- _11.9		14.0- 15.9	16.0- Longer	<u>Total</u>
0.00 - 0.49 0.50 - 0.99 1.00 - 1.49 1.50 - 1.99 2.00 - 2.49	85	85 :	256 256	342 769 256 171	85 684 940 256 171	85 171 598 171	171 684 256 171 85	85 1538 598 171 85	171 171 85 85		17i 85 :	: : :	1024 4529 3074 1025 341
2.50 - 2.99 3.00 - 3.49 3.50 - 3.99 4.00 - 4.49 4.50 - 4.99 5.00 - Greater Total	85	85	512	1538	2136	1025	1367		: : : 512		256		000000

May 1989, Gage 630 Percent Occurrence(X100) of Height and Period

	Period, sec												
<u>Height. m</u>	2.0- 2.9	3.0- 3.9					8.0- 8.9				14.0- _15.9	16.0- Longer	<u> Total</u>
0.00 - 0.49 0.50 - 0.99 1.00 - 1.49 1.50 - 1.99 2.00 - 2.49 2.50 - 2.99 3.00 - 3.49 4.00 - 4.49		328	164 410 82	656 246	246 820 164 82	164 1557 164	656 656 82	82 492 656	82 656 164	246 492	164 492		1804 6559 1558 82 0 0
4.50 - 4.99 5.00 - Greater Total	: ò	: 328	65Ġ	902	: 1312	: 1885	: 1394	: 1230	902	: 738	: 656	Ö	0

June 1989, Gage 630 Percent Occurrence(X100) of Height and Period

	Period, sec												
<u>Height, m</u>				5.0- 5.9				9.0- 9.9	10.0- _11.9	12.0- _13.9		16.0- Longer	<u>Total</u>
0.00 - 0.49 0.50 - 0.99 1.00 - 1.49	:	339	339 169	339 1017 169	169 1102	424 678	1441 1356	593 1186	339 169	:	85 85	:	3390 6271
1.50 - 1.43 1.50 - 1.99 2.00 - 2.49 2.50 - 2.99	•	:	103		:	•	:	:	:	:	:	:	338 0 0
3.00 - 3.49 3.50 - 3.99	•	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	0
4.00 - 4.49 4.50 - 4.99 5.00 - Greater			٠.									:	0
Total	0	339	508	1525	1271	1102	2797	1779	508	0	170	0	

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Table B2 (Continued)

	July 1989.	Gage 630
Percent	July 1989, Occurrence(X100) of	Height and Period

	Period, sec												
Height, m	2.0- 2.9		4.0- 4.9			7.0- 		9.0- 		12.0- _13.9	14.0- _15.9	16.0- Longer	<u>Tot</u> a
0.00 - 0.49 0.50 - 0.99		92	92 92	92 642	1743	459 917	459 1284	367 734	459	459	642	183	1469 7247
1.00 - 1.49 1.50 - 1.99 2.00 - 2.49	•	:	:	183	917	•	:	•	183	:	:	•	1283 (
2.50 - 2.99 3.00 - 3.49	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
3.50 - 3.99 4.00 - 4.49 4.50 - 4.99	:	:	•	•	•	:	:	•	:	•	:	•	(
5.00 - Greater Total	Ö	92	184	917	2660	1376	1743	110i	642	459	642	183	Ò

August 1989, Gage 630 Percent Occurrence(X100) of Height and Period

	Period, sec													
<u> Feight</u> m	2.0- 2.9	3.0- _3.9	4.0- 4.9	5.0- 	6.0- 6.9	7.0- 	8.0- 8.9	9.0- 9.9	10.0- _11.9			16.0- Longer	-	<u>īotal</u>
0.00 - 0.49 0.50 - 0.99 1.03 - 1.49 1.50 - 1.99 2.00 - 2.49 2.50 - 2.99 3.00 - 3.49 3.50 - 3.99	:	89	89 179	357 179 179 	1518 357 268 89	1339	446 1161 :	89 1161	266 1339 89	89	625 89	:		803 7678 982 447 89 0
4.00 - 4.49 4.50 - 4.99	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:		ŏ
5.00 - Greater Total	ó	89	268	715	2232	1339	1607	1250	169 6	89	714	Ö		0

September 1989, Gage 630 Percent Occurrence(X100) of Height and Period

							r100.	sec					
<u>Height, m</u>	2.0- 	3.0- 3.9	4.0- 4.9		6.0- 6.9		8.0- 8.9		10.0- _11.9			16.0- Longer	<u> Total</u>
0.00 - 0.49 0.50 - 0.99 1.00 - 1.49 1.50 - 1.99 2.00 - 2.49 2.50 - 2.99 3.00 - 3.49 3.50 - 3.99 4.00 - 4.49 4.50 - 4.99 5.00 - Greater		90	90	270 180 360 90 	63i 180 90	991 270 270 180 180 90	90 541 90 180 631 90	270 90 180	991 180 270 90	180 180 450 90 	90 631 541 90	90	90 3874 1080 2341 2072 450 90 0

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Table B2 (Concluded)

	Octob	er 1989,	Gage 63	30
Percent	Occurrence(X100) of	Height	and Period

	Period. sec												
Height, m	2.0- 	3.0- 3.9	4.0- 4.9	5.0- 5.9		7.0- 7.9		9.0- <u>9.9</u>			14.0- _15.9		<u>Total</u>
0.00 - 0.49 0.50 - 0.99 1.00 - 1.49 1.50 - 1.99 2.00 - 2.49 2.50 - 2.99	120 361	24 i :	241 120	843 964 482 120	120 602 482 120	120 241 482 120	120 120 241 241	120 120 723 361 241	241 120 120	361 120	: 36i 36i	:	480 2528 2168 2770 1202 602
3.00 - 3.49 3.50 - 3.99 4.00 - 4.49 4.50 - 4.99	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	120	:	120	:	240 0 0 0
5.00 - Greater Total	48i	24i	36 i	2409	1324	963	722	1565	60 i	48i	842	ò	U

November 1989, Gage 630 Percent Occurrence(X100) of Height and Period

	Period, sec												
<u>Height m</u>	2.0- 	3.0- 3.9	4.0- <u>4.9</u>		6.0- <u>6.9</u>	7.0- <u>7.9</u>	8.0- _8.9	9.0- 9.9	10.0- _11.9		14.0- _15.9		<u> Total</u>
0.00 - 0.49 0.50 - 0.99 1.00 - 1.49 1.50 - 1.99 2.00 - 2.49 2.50 - 2.99	206 103	309 : :	619 412	825 206 206	412 825 206	103 206 412	309 515	205 1546 309 103	103 825	206 :	412 205 206	:	927 5257 2885 927 0
3.00 - 3.49 3.50 - 3.99 4.00 - 4.49 4.50 - 4.99 5.00 - Greater Total	: : : 309	309	: : : 103i	: : 1237	1443	72i	824	: : : 2164	928	206		: : : ō	0 0 0 0

December 1989, Gage 630 Percent Occurrence(X100) of Height and Period

	Periodsec												
Height, m	2.0- 	3.0- 3.9	4.0- _4.9		6.0- 6.9		8.0- 8.9				14.0- _15.9	16.0- Longer	<u>Iotal</u>
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Total	Ò	508	678	1355	3219	677	508	677	338	1015	1016	Ö	103

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			Pi	ercent	0ccur	rence(1980- X100)	of Heig	Gage 63 ght and	30 d Peri	od		
						re		3ec	-				
Height. m	2.0- 2.9	3.0- 3.9	4.0- <u>4.9</u>	5.0- <u>5.9</u>	6.0- 6.9	7.0- 7.9	8.0- _8.9	9.0- 9.9	10.0- _11.9	12.0- _13.9	14.0- _15.9	16.0- Longer	<u>Total</u>
0.00 - 0.49 0.50 - 0.99	30 38	16 134	28 254	66 512	94 596	118 525	329 849	278 722	193 781	70 149	126 216	3 15	1351 4791
1.00 - 1.49 1.50 - 1.99 2.00 - 2.49	•	9	140 13	328 159 25	450 253 85	264 113 70	239 81 57	203 76 42	339 133 66	42 36 32	122 78 43	4 5 2	2210 947 424
2.50 - 2.99 3.00 - 3.49	:	:	:	Î	8	33 12	18 14	16 13 6	37 17	10	26 9 5	:	149 71 35
3.50 - 3.99 4.00 - 4.49 4.50 - 4.99	•	:	:	•	•		6 2	3	13 8 2	2	4	:	19
5.00 - Greater Total	68	159	437	116i	1487	1136	i 1596	1360	1 1590	2 352	630	29	5

		Po	ercent	Decur	nuary	1980-1	1989, (Sage 63	30			
				occui i				ght and	Perio	od		
2.0-	3.0-	4.0-	5.0-	6.0-	7.0-	icds 8.0-	9.0-	10.0-	12.0-	14.0-	16.0-	
_2.9	3.9		_5.9	_ €.9	_7.9	_8.9	_9.9	قىلل	_13.9	_15.9	Longer	<u>Total</u>
103 65	9 224 19	252 187 28	93 355 542 355 28 	75 392 560 458 205 19	37 336 261 215 196 75 9	159 345 187 112 112 47 28	168 514 196 103 28 19 9	215 863 532 243 112 75 28 9 9	28 28 37 19 	93 252 65 56 28 47 	9 9	1028 3659 2586 1598 755 301 74 0 9
		P	ercent		rence(X100) (of Hei			od		
							9.0- 9.9	10.0- _11.9	12.0- _13.9	14.0- _15.9		<u> Iotal</u>
10 59	89 10	10 178 119 10	50 465 634 198 89 10	69 465 614 356 149 10	50 248 238 198 30 50 20	99 495 307 109 40 10	50 644 347 99 79 10 30 10	59 1050 574 208 89 109 30 10	30 20 79 59 50 20	119 129 198 99 109 69 20	10 : : : :	546 3652 3120 1336 635 288 130 30 60
6 <u>9</u>	99	317	1446	1663	834	10 1080	1279	2169	278	763	;ò	10
		Р	ercent		rence(X100)	of Hei			od		
2.0-	3.0-	4.0-	5.0- 5.9	6.0- 6.9	7.0- 	8.0- 8.9	9.0-	10.0- 11.9	12.0- _13.9	14.0- 15.9	16.0- Longer	<u>Tota</u>
99	80 9	205 196 9	18 455 401 232 18	45 473 526 259 62 18 9	45 419 366 116 27 18 18	80 607 294 89 89 27 9	36 749 285 125 62 9 18 18	107 812 687 241 152 54 54 62	54 134 54 80 36 18	54 161 303 125 107 45 9 18 27		448 4104 3121 1276 553 169 126 98 72
	2.9- 103 65 168	2.0- 3.0- 2.0- 3.0- 2.0- 3.0- 2.0- 3.0- 2.0- 3.0- 2.9 3.9 10 69 99	2.9 3.9 4.9 103 9 65 224 252 . 19 187 28	2.9 3.9 4.9 5.9 103 9 93 65 224 252 355 . 19 187 542 . 28 355 . 28	2.9 3.9 4.9 5.9 6.9 103 9 93 75 65 224 252 355 392 . 19 187 542 560 28 355 458 28 205	2.9 3.9 4.9 5.9 6.9 7.9 103 9 93 75 37 65 224 252 355 392 336 19 187 542 550 261 28 205 196 28 205 196 29 19 75 28 205 196 20 19 75 20 10 10 50 69 50 20 129 20 10 10 50 69 50 20 10 19 634 614 238 20 10 19 634 614 238 20 10 19 634 614 238 20 10 19 634 614 238 20 10 19 634 614 238 20 10 19 634 614 238 20 10 10 50 69 50 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 2	2.9 3.9 4.9 5.9 6.9 7.9 8.9 103 9 93 75 37 159 65 224 252 355 352 336 345 . 19 187 542 560 261 187 . 28 355 458 215 112 28 205 196 112	2.9 3.9 4.9 5.9 6.9 7.9 8.9 9.9	2.9 3.9 4.9 5.9 6.9 7.9 8.9 9.9 11.9	103 9	2.9 3.9 4.9 5.9 6.9 7.9 8.9 9.9 11.9 13.9 15.9	2.9 3.9 4.9 5.9 6.9 7.9 8.9 9.9 11.9 13.9 15.9 Longer

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Table B4 (Continued)

	April 1980	0-1989. Gage 630
Percent	Occurrence (X100)	0-1989, Gage 630) of Height and Period

	Period. sec												
<u>Height</u> , m	2.0- _2.9	3.0- 3.9	4.0- <u>4.9</u>		6.0- 6.9						14.0- _15.9	16.0- Longer	<u> Total</u>
0.00 - 0.49 0.50 - 0.99 1.00 - 1.49 1.50 - 1.99 2.00 - 2.49 2.50 - 2.99 3.00 - 3.49 3.50 - 3.99 4.00 - 4.49 4.50 - 4.99 5.00 - Greater	9 82	9 183 9	18 266 119	55 430 229 147 37	37 522 430 137 46 9	27 476 348 101 9 18 27 9	293 678 321 101 55 27 18 37	211 788 321 119 64 18 27	183 1026 339 201 55 37 27	92 256 55 27 27 27 	92 394 147 101 9 18		1026 5101 2318 934 302 154 99 46 9
Total	91	201	403	898	1181	1015	1539	1557	1868	484	761	0	

May 1980-1989, Gage 630 Percent Occurrence(X100) of Height and Period

	Period. sec												
Heicht. m		3.0- 3.9							10.0- _11.9			16.0- Longer	<u>Iotal</u>
0.00 - 0.49 0.50 - 0.99 1.00 - 1.49 1.50 - 1.99 2.00 - 2.49 3.50 - 2.99 3.00 - 3.49 3.50 - 3.99 4.00 - 4.49 4.50 - 4.99 5.00 - Greater	9 18	18 172	45 335 90 9	81 624 235 45 18	145 588 317 90 18 9	163 805 217 36 54 9	471 1240 407 118 9	235 1032 244 72 36 9	145 706 317 109 9	45 81 9 27 27 18 9	72 199 81 63 27 9		1429 5800 1917 569 169 72 18 0
Total	27	190	479	1003	1167	1284	2245	1628	1295	216	460	Ö	U

June 1980-1989, Gage 630 Percent Occurrence(X100) of Height and Period

	Period. sec												
Height m	2.0- 2.9	3.0- 3.9						9.0- 9.9			14.0- _15.9	16.0- Longer	<u>Iotal</u>
0.00 - 0.49 0.50 - 0.99 1.00 - 1.49 1.50 - 1.99 2.00 - 2.49 2.50 - 2.59 3.00 - 3.49 4.00 - 4.49 4.50 - 4.99 5.00 - Greater	29 48	38 249	57 373 86 19	144 699 201 48	220 708 201 67 19	383 727 172 57 19	727 1617 172 19 38	584 928 96 10 10	220 526 96 67	38 153	38 38 48 10		2478 6066 1072 297 86 0 0 0
Total	77	287	535	1092	1215	1358	2573	1628	909	191	134	0	

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Table B4 (Continued)

	July 198	30-1989,	Cage 63	30
Percent	Occurrence (X10)) of He	ighť and	d Period

	2.0-			Period. sec											
Height, m			4.0- <u>4.9</u>								14.0- _15.9	16.0- Longer	<u>Tota</u>		
0.00 - 0.49 0.50 - 0.99 1.00 - 1.49 1.50 - 1.99 2.00 - 2.49	9 38	19 132 19	57 293 47	104 643 170 47 9	218 899 265 9	303 795 76 19	1041 1466 47 28 9	747 899 38	293 416 19	114 246	227 132	19 76 -	3151 6935 691 103 18		
2.50 - 2.99 3.00 - 3.49 3.50 - 3.99 4.00 - 4.49 4.50 - 4.99 5.00 - Greater Total	47		397	973	1391	1193	2591	1684	728	360			0 0 0 0		

August 1980-1989, Gage 630 Percent Occurrence(X100) of Height and Period

	Period, sec												
Heicht, m	2.0- 2.9		4.0- <u>4.9</u>				8.0- 8.9		10.0- _11.9			16.0- Longer	<u>ĭotal</u>
0.00 - 0.49 0.50 - 0.99 1.00 - 1.49 1.50 - 1.99 2.00 - 2.49 2.50 - 2.99 3.00 - 3.49 3.50 - 3.99 4.00 - 4.49 4.50 - 4.99 5.00 - Greater	28 28 	28 94 9	65 226 151 - - - -	123 613 368 75 19	160 905 292 151 28 9	169 829 207 66 9	471 1385 141 28 19 19 9	452 829 94 19	358 622 66 19 38 9 9	66 170 19 	94 311 9 28 9 9		2035 6912 1356 385 122 46 27 9 0

September 1980-1989, Gage 630 Percent Occurrence(XIGO) of Height and Period

	Period_sec												
Height, n		3.0- 3.9						9.0- 9.9	10.0- _11.9			16.0- Leager	<u>[cta]</u>
0.00 - 0.49 0.50 - 0.99 1.00 - 1.49 1.50 - 1.99 2.50 - 2.49 2.50 - 2.99 3.00 - 3.49 4.00 - 4.49 4.50 - 4.93 5.00 - Greater Total	9	9 55 9	9 168 84 9	28 401 411 140 37	28 588 542 289 84	19 570 345 140 55 47 9	93 784 411 93 84 28	299 747 205 121 28 9 9	243 1027 336 75 75 75 9 9	112 131 93 28 75 9 9	93 233 159 131 75 9 9	9	470454 470454 470454 470454 47049 47049

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Table B4 (Concluded)

October 1980-1989, Gage 630 Percent Occurrence(X100) of Height and Period

						Рe	riod.	sec					
Height. m	2.0- 2.9	3.0- 3.9	4.0- 4.9	5.0- 5.9		7.0- 		9.0- 9.9	10.0- _11.9	12.0- _13.9			<u> Total</u>
0.00 - 0.49 0.50 - 0.99 1.00 - 1.49 1.50 - 1.99 2.00 - 2.49 2.50 - 2.99 3.00 - 3.49 3.50 - 3.99 4.00 - 4.49 4.50 - 4.99	36 36	53 : : : :	134 169 36	374 624 214 18	53 419 348 392 116 18	71 348 214 107 187 116 36	196 633 125 89 71 36 9	152 455 232 116 98 71 18	241 936 428 187 143 45 18	36 160 80 116 53 9	134 294 214 223 80 62 36	9 36 9	919 3851 2434 1516 775 357 99 36 18
5.00 - Greater Total	7 2	53	339	1230	1346	1079	1159	1142	2016	47 2	1043	54	0

November 1980-1989, Gage 630 Percent Occurrence(X100) of Height and Period

						Рe	riod.	sec	<u> </u>				
<u>Height.m</u>	2.0- 2.9	3.0- 3.9	4.0-			7.0- 7.9	8.0- 8.9	9.0- 9.9	10.0- _11.9	12.0- _13.9	14.0- _15.9		I
0.00 - 0.49 0.50 - 0.99 1.00 - 1.49 1.50 - 1.99 2.00 - 2.49 2.50 - 2.99 3.00 - 3.49 3.50 - 3.99 4.00 - 4.49 4.50 - 4.99	31 42	31 104 21	31 397 282 21	21 595 532 209 31	52 564 731 334 73	104 470 428 219 125 21	167 459 261 125 136 10 21	177 564 251 73 42 21 52	94 595 292 115 21 52 42	63 136 42 52 21 10 21 10	219 146 94 10 10 10	52 31 10	4 29 1
5.00 - Greater Total	73	156	731	1388	1754	1367	1179	1180	121 i	35 5	509	93	

December 1980-1989, Gage 630 Percent Occurrence(X100) of Height and Period

						<u></u>	<u> </u>	sec					
<u>Height. m</u>	2.0- 	3.0- 3.9	4.0- <u>4.9</u>		6.0- 6.9	7.0- <u>7.9</u>	8.0- 8.9	9.0- 9.9		12.0- _13.9	14.0- _15.9		<u>Total</u>
0.00 - 0.49 0.50 - 0.99 1.00 - 1.49 1.50 - 1.99 2.00 - 2.49 2.50 - 2.99 3.00 - 3.49 4.50 - 4.99 5.00 - Greater	85 32	32 180 212	53 243 159 11 21 	74 507 455 201 	21 645 634 529 243 	21 243 307 95 127 42 11	127 412 190 53 32 74 32 	233 476 116 422 533 21 21 21 111	137 835 359 116 85 63 21 32 11	148 169 42 11 53 : 11 445	307 296 137 74 63 32 11 11 11 953	11 42 53	1249 4080 2399 1132 677 158 138 96 44 0

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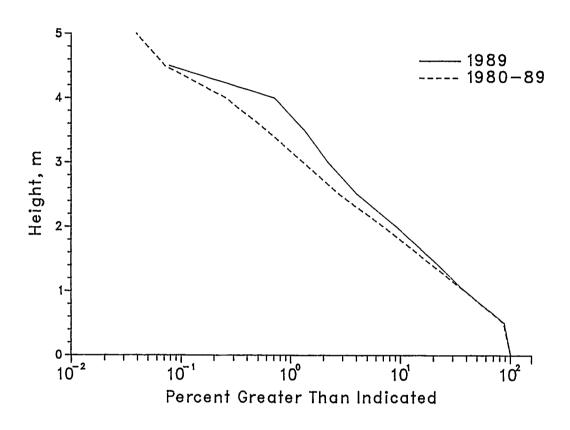


Figure B2. Annual cumulative wave height distributions for Gage $630\,$

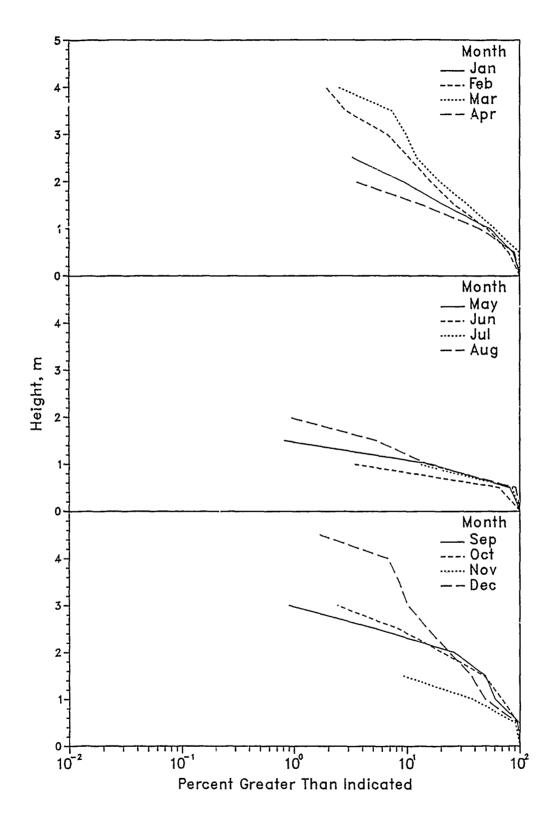


Figure B3. 1989 monthly wave height distributions for Gage 630

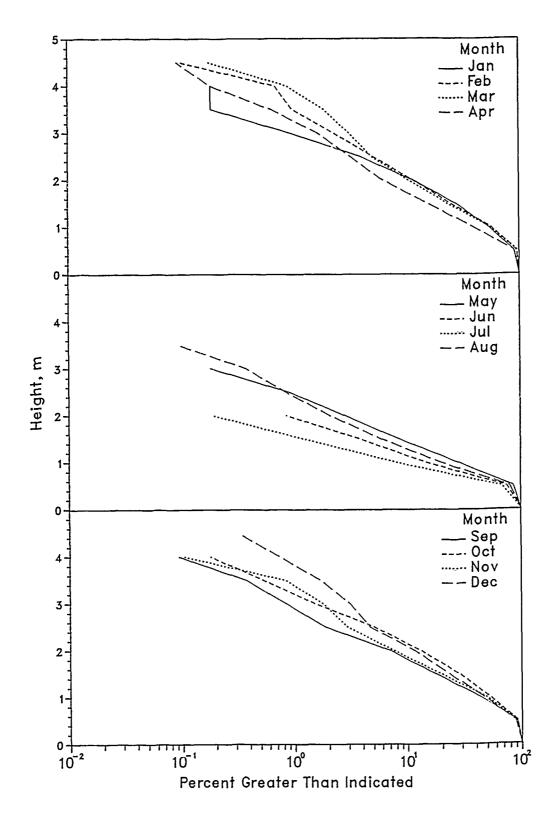


Figure B4. 1980-1989 monthly wave height distributions for Gage 630

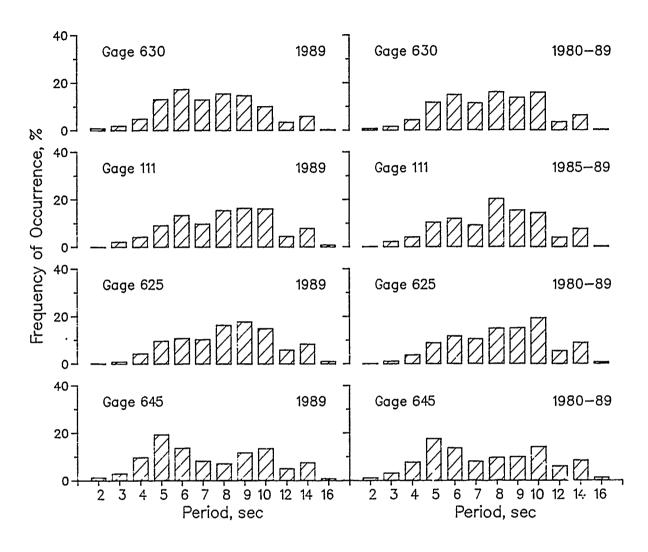


Figure B5. Annual wave period distributions for all gages

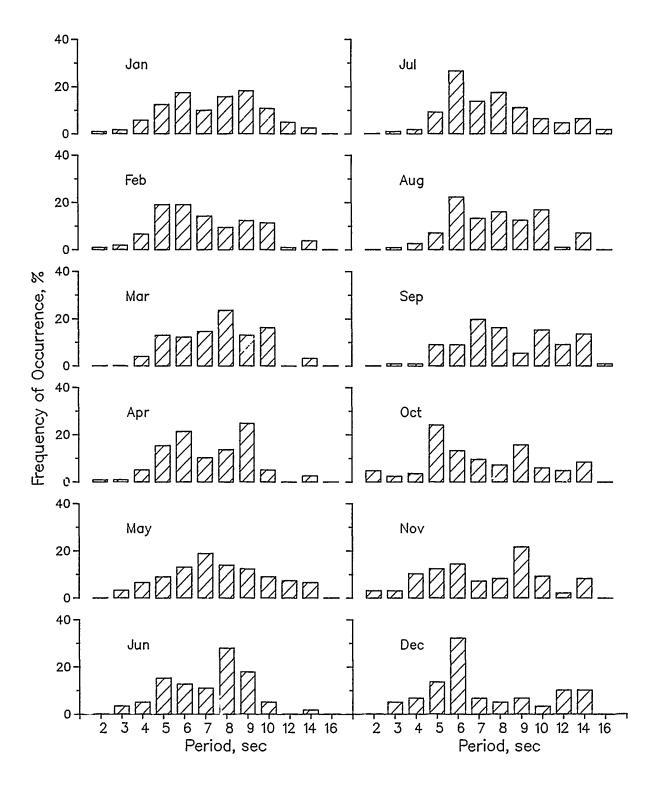


Figure B6. 1989 monthly wave period distributions for Gage 630

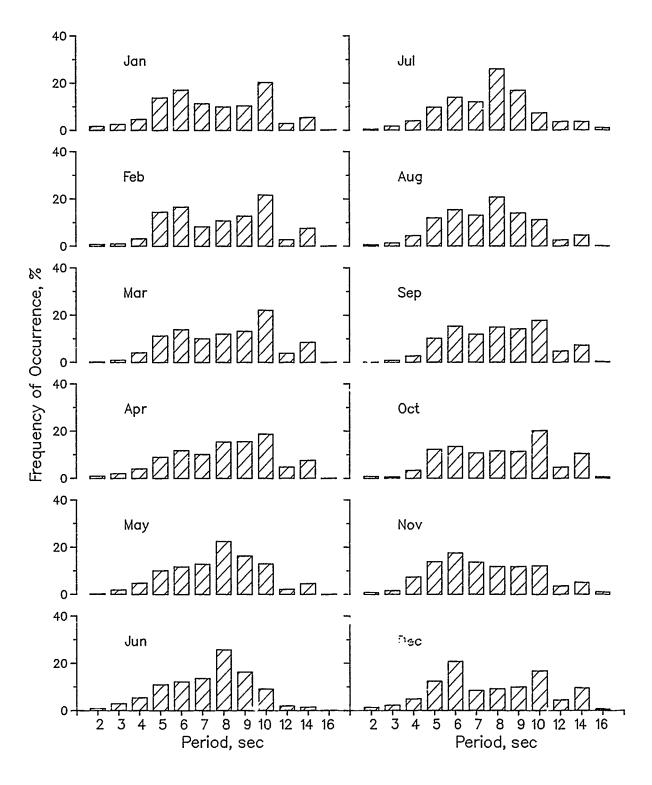


Figure B7. 1980-1989 monthly wave period distributions for Gage 630

Table B5 $1989 \ \text{Persistence of} \ \ H_{\text{mo}} \ \ \text{for Gage } 630$

Height							Cons	ecut	ive	Day(s) or	Lon	ger						
(m)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19+
0.5	16						15		13					11	10	9		8	6
1.0	48	34		22	18	12	9			6	4		7						1
1.5	34	20	13		9		5	4	3	2									
2.0	25	12	8	5		3	1												
2.5	13	8	4	1															
3.0	7	5	4	1															
3.5	4	3	2																
4.0	4	3																	

Height							Cons	ecut	ive i	Day(s) or	. Lor	ger						
(m)	1	2	3	4	-5	-6	7	-8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	191
0.5	21	18	16	15		14	12	11		10			9	7	6	5			4
1.0	50	33	24	18	14	10	8	5	4	3		2					1		
1.5	39	21	11	6	5		2		1										
2.0	22	11	5	2		1													
2.5	11	5	2																
3.0	6	2	1																
3.5	3	1																	
4.0	1																		

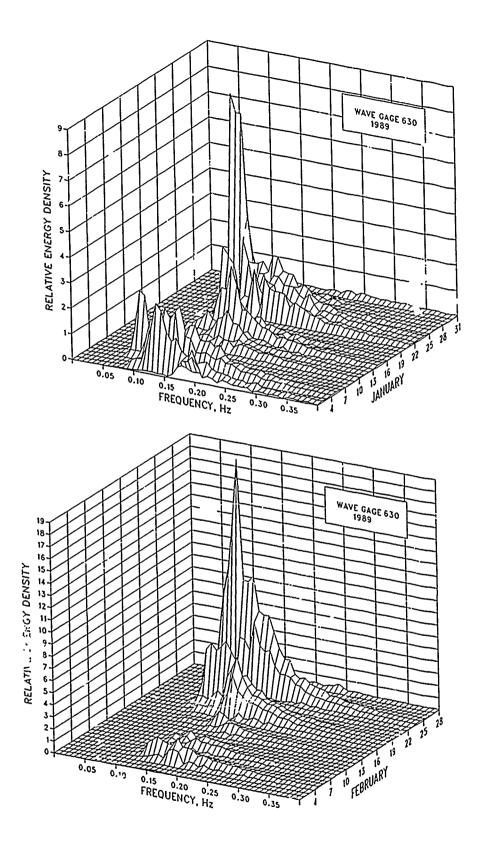


Figure B8. 1989 monthly spectra for Gage 630 (Sheet 1 of 6)

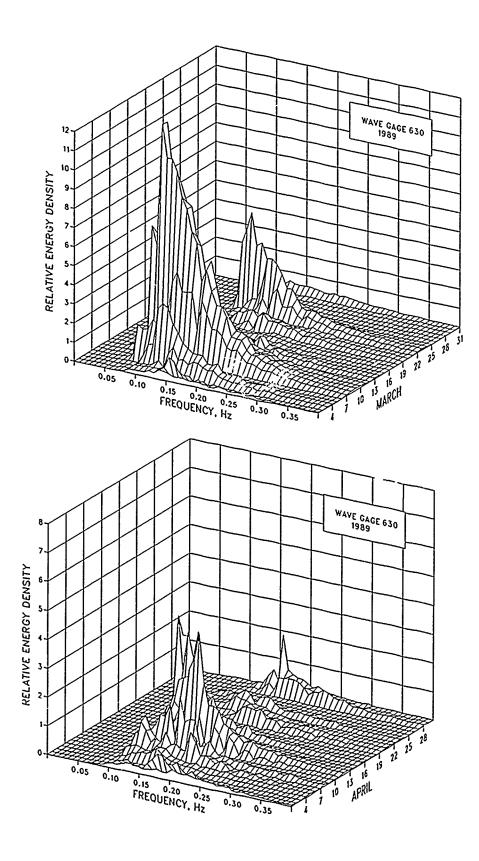


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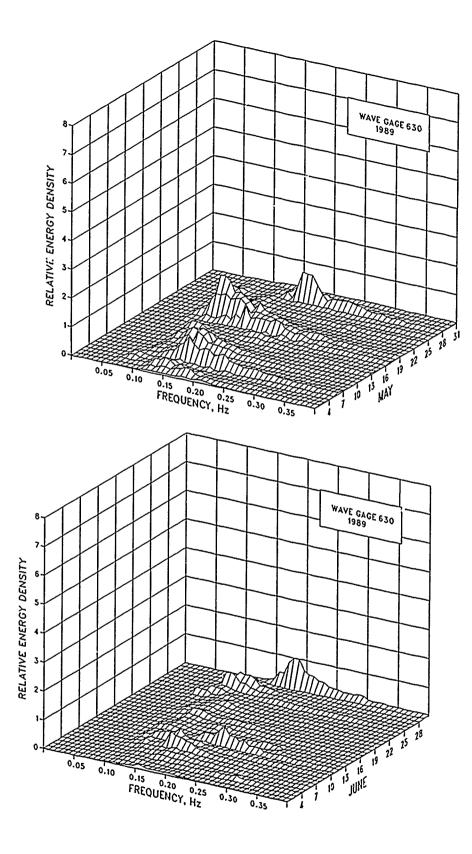


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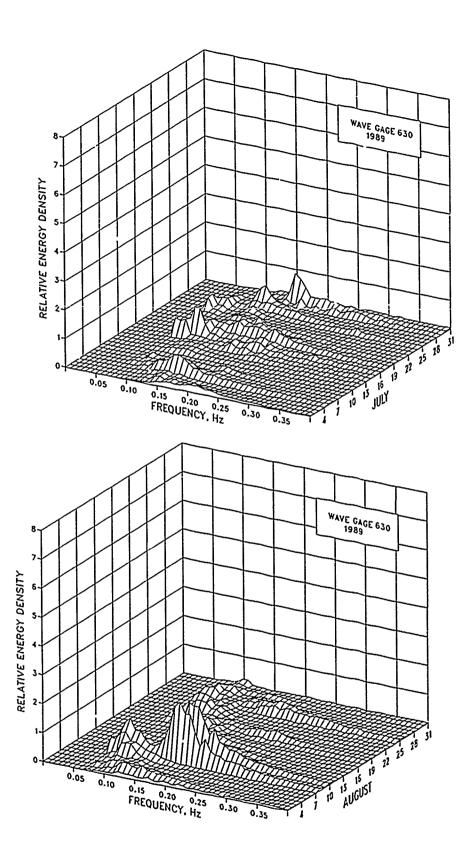


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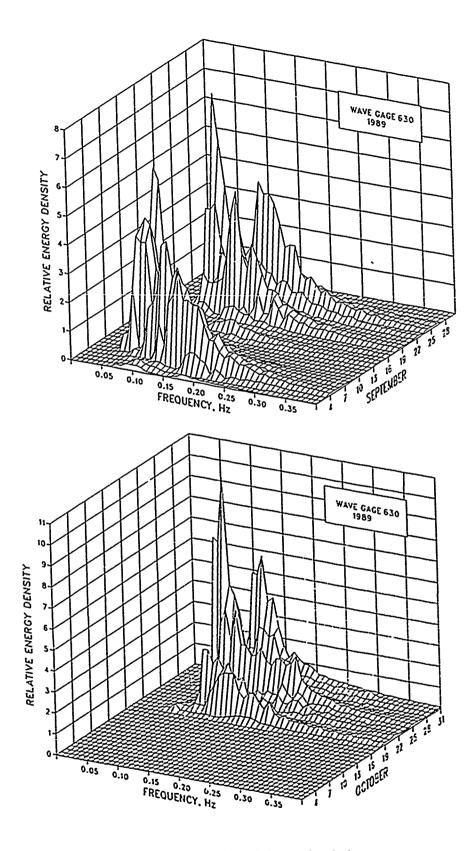


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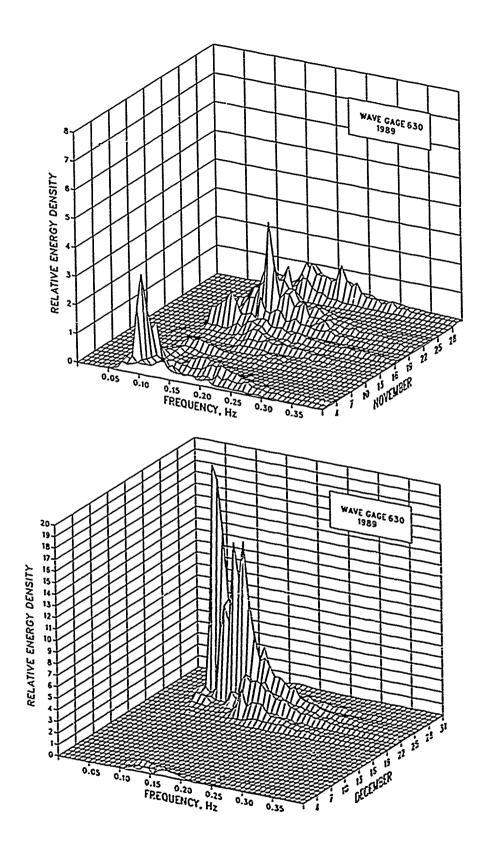


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Table B7
Wave Statistics for Gage 630

				1989		·····	1980-1989									
			ight		Per	lod				ight		Period				
Month	Mean m	Std. Dev. m	Extreme m	Date	Mean sec	Std. Dev. sec	Number Obs.	Mean m	Std. Dev.	Extreme m	Date	Mean sec	Std. Dev. sec	Number Ohs.		
Jan	1.2	0.6	2.9	23	8.2	2.6	121	1.2	0.7	4.5	1983	8.0	2.8	1071		
Feb	1.3	0.9	4.3	24	7.6	2.3	105	1.2	0.7	5.1	1987	8.4	2.6	1010		
Mar	1.5	1.0	4.2	7	8.2	2.1	123	1.2	0.7	4.7	1983	8.6	2.6	1121		
Apr	1.0	0.5	2.3	15	7.7	2.0	117	1.1	0.6	5.2	1988	8.6	2.7	1092		
May	0.8	0.3	1.8	28	8.4	3.1	122	0.9	0.5	3.3	1986	8.1	2.4	1105		
Jun	0.6	0.2	1.1	29	7.6	2.0	118	0.7	0.4	2.4	1988	7.7	2.2	1045		
Jul	0.8	0.3	1.4	29	8.5	2.9	109	0.7	0.3	2.1	1985	8.1	2.5	1057		
Aug	0.9	0.4	2.1	8	8.4	2.2	112	0.8	0.5	3.6	1981	8.0	2.4	1061		
Sep	1.5	0.7	3.0	24	9.6	3.2	111	1.1	0.6	6.1	1985	8.6	2.7	1071		
0ct	1.5	0.7	3.1	26	7.7	2.9	83	1.2	0.7	4.3	1982	8.7	2.8	1122		
Nov	1.0	0.4	1.9	21	8.0	3.0	97	1.1	0.6	4.1	1981	7.9	2.8	958		
Dec	1.5	1.2	5.6	24	8.1	3.3	59	1.2	0.8	5.6	1980	8.3	3.0	946		
Annua 1	1.1	0.7	5.6	Dec	8.2	2.7	1277	1.0	0.6	6.1	Sep 1989	5 8.3	2.6	12659		

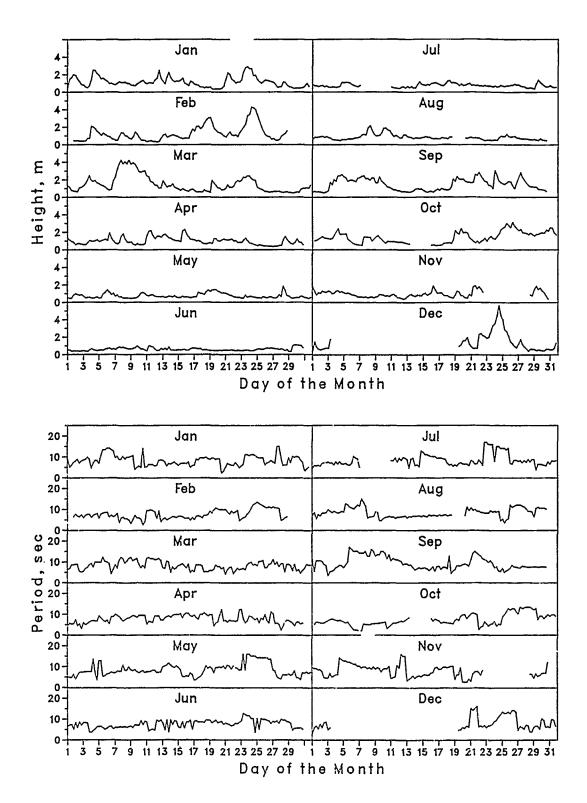


Figure B9. Time-histories of wave height and period for Gage $630\,$